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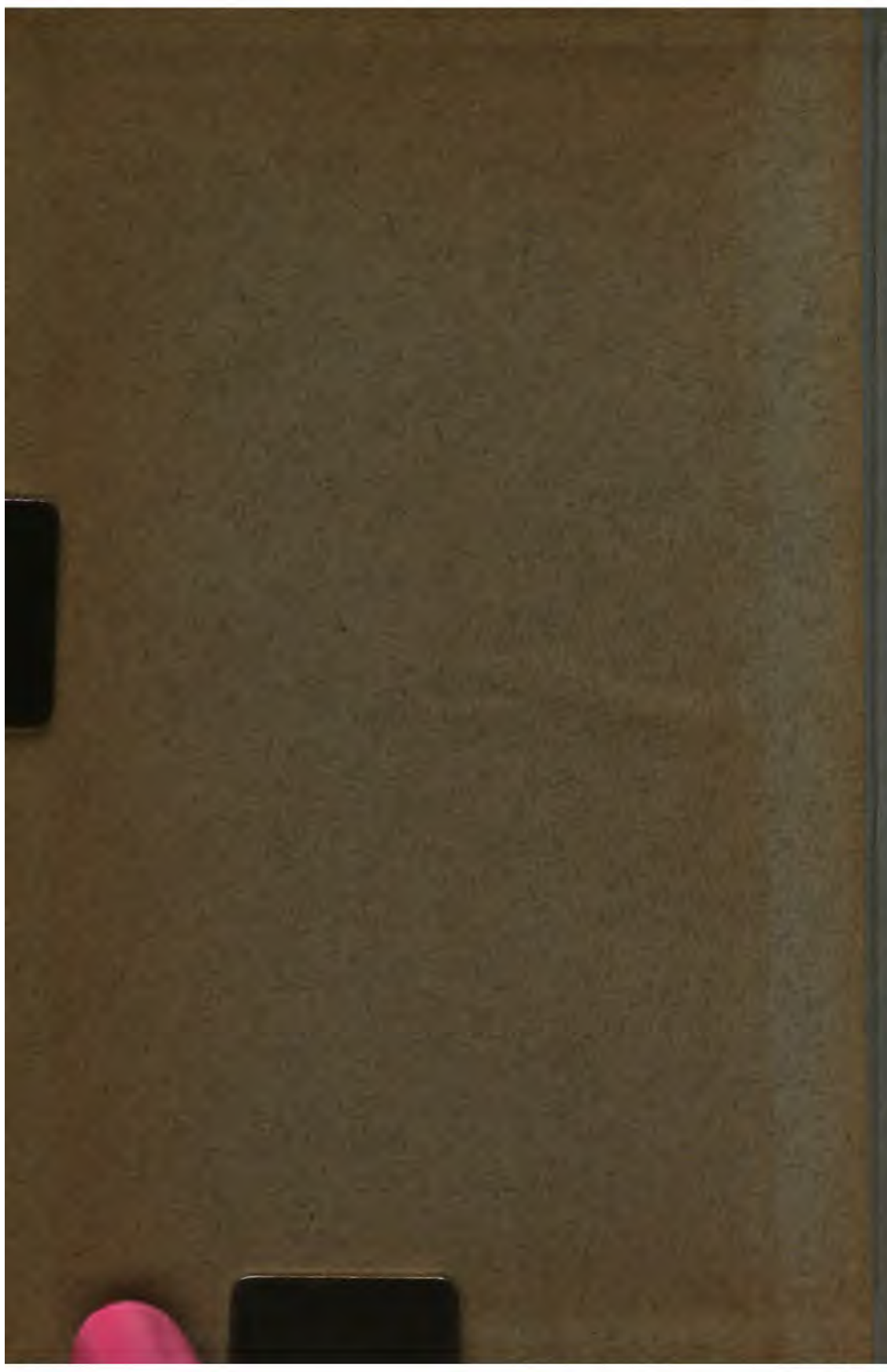
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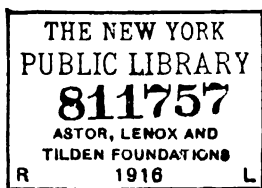
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## THE SEVENTEENTH GRAND CHAPTER.

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COLLEGE professors who watch the progress of student-life as the years roll by, from the time when plain Edward Brown Smith graduates from the Divinity School until he sends back to the arms of his alma mater and his old college girl, another and a more modern Eduard Browne Smythe, tell us that college classes are like individuals, in that each develops some peculiarity or characteristic of its own which is materially unlike any of its predecessors. The same may be said with truth of the successive Grand Chapters of the Sigma Chi Fraternity. Of course they are always the occasions of mirth and jolly good-fellowship—of contagious enthusiasm in all that concerns the welfare and prosperity of the fraternity at large ; but each is, nevertheless, peculiar to itself as regards the impress which it leaves upon our fraternity history. The convention of 1884 marked an entire revolution in our governmental system. In its way it was the most important, probably, of any of our later conventions. The new system was adopted. Of course there were some doubts as to its practical efficiency. It was a new departure in college-fraternity management, and could be proved only by actual experiment. The Convention of 1886 discovered its errors, adopted remedial measures, and left us to live on two years more, not with complete assurance, it is true, but still in a measure hopefully confident that the new system was reasonably perfect. Two years more passed by. The new ropes began to run smoothly. Financial affairs assumed a prosperous condition ; energy replaced apathy ; our policy changed from a passive defensive to a bold and active aggressive ; our chapters began to feel the impulse of a new life within themselves ; and the longed-for success of the new idea became a living reality. The Convention of 1888 was entirely different in its character. The delegates who gathered in Chicago last summer, after examining the record of the past four years, decided to celebrate, and at once

resolved themselves into a ratification meeting of the most enthusiastic type.

The business which the Convention transacted has been published already in the October *Bulletin* and therefore needs no repetition here. It was, for the most part, of a routine character. The questions that bothered the heads and taxed the ingenuity of the delegates to former conventions did not present themselves this year, for the simple reason that under our present system such matters are carefully and intelligently disposed of by the Grand Council and the Triumvirs, and are not dragged along and delayed for the hasty consideration of the next convention.

The reports of the various officers which, by the way, were remarkably full and instructive, revealed a very flourishing condition of affairs. They also revealed one or two other facts of particular interest to some of us who had lived our Sigma Chi life as members of individual chapters far removed from the rest of the fraternity and its centre of operations. In the first place, they showed that the success of the past few years has not been due entirely to the character of our new system—that the system is not self-sustaining,—but that our prosperity has been due very largely to the faithfulness and ability of the men who have occupied our positions of trust and responsibility: and another thing, that the officers of our last Grand Council, Bros. Brumback, Fisher, Bross and Wightman, have been indefatigable and devoted *workers*; and this means not only that they have done well what work they had to do, but also that there is an astonishingly large amount of real hard, laborious, grinding work for a Grand Council to do.

The gathering of the clans began Wednesday morning, August 29, at the Tremont House, in Chicago. There is always a certain amount of curiosity in the mind of a fraternity man who for the first time attends a convention, concerning the character of the men whom he will be required to grasp by the hand and call “brother.” He hopes that they will all correspond to the standard set by his own chapter, but he is prepared, if necessary, to enlarge the strict definition of the word that carries with it so much of affection and fraternal feeling, until it would almost be a synonym for “brother man,” or “fellow-citizen.” He who through college acquired the habit of “sizing-up” the Freshies according to their compatibility with his particular standard of social and moral affinities, anticipates that he will be called upon to subordinate his sense of the critical, and approach, in a brotherly and receptive manner,—college men it is true,—Sigs. it is true;—but, nevertheless, men whose education is being worked out under every variety of climatic, social, moral, religious and political influence. He wonders



how many of them he would black-ball, if they presented themselves as candidates for a ride on the fastidious and hypercritical billy-goat of his own beloved chapter.

To every such critical and self-complacent brother, last August's convention was certainly a most agreeable disappointment. To use the expressive phrase employed by one of the boys who had just gone the round of introductions: "There isn't a hoodoo in the crowd." His words implied that there are some such unworthy individuals in our ranks. Possibly there are. We would be the only such fraternity in the United States if there were not. At any rate, his statement was true, and however numerous our contingent of "hoodoos" may be, we have great reason to be proud of the fraternity to which we belong if the boys who assembled as its delegates last August, are, even in a flattering degree, typical representatives of the various chapters from which they hailed.

The hour appointed for the first informal meeting was 11 A. M. Before noon over sixty men had put in an appearance, and were eagerly renewing old friendships and forming new ones. So much time was thus spent, that adjournment was taken until after dinner before permanent organization had been effected, and the regular committees appointed. When the meeting was again called to order, the following officers for the Seventeenth Grand Chapter were elected:

*Grand Consul*,—CHARLES M. DAWSON, Theta, '69.

*Grand Pro Consul*,—R. J. PERKINS, JR., Alpha Omicron.

*Grand Annotator*,—CHARLES ALLING, JR., Theta Theta.

*Ass't Grand Annotator*,—STUART L. JONES, Tau.

*Grand Quæstor*,—R. L. McALPINE, Alpha Xi.

*Grand Tribune*,—J. M. GIVENS, Zeta Zeta.

*Grand Custos*,—A. T. SCHROEDER, Alpha Lambda.

No Sigma Chi convention is complete without Bro. C. M. Dawson, '69, and his eloquent and stirring inauguration address denoted that his love for the order of his college days is still as heartfelt and warm as in the years gone by. In the evening our hosts, the Chicago Sigma Chi Alumni, distributed among the brethren tickets to the "Crystal Slipper" as the opening number on their generous program of entertainment. 'Someone,'—rumor hath it Bro. Alling,—had evidently primed comedian Graham with all the necessary peculiarities of the situation, for frequent references to the Sigma Chi Fraternity were sandwiched in between the lines throughout the evening. At first, restrained by the dignity of the Alumni and the sense of propriety characteristic even of college boys when not upon their native heath, we rewarded the "gags" on the

stage with nothing more than very enthusiastic applause ; but when the bewitching fairy-godmother waved her wand over a ragged hoodlum who was affected with a "rush of whiskers to the head," and straight-way he appeared with an enormous tin likeness of the Sigma Chi badge on his back, real old genuine college spirit could be restrained no longer, and everyone present, old and young, from jolly, genial Bro. Dawson down, rose to his feet and "howled." The ice once broken there was no further thought of restraint, and the subsequent not altogether flattering impersonation of "Fisher and Bross" tooting the Sigma Chi horn, evoked a yell of delight, which must have convinced the rest of the audience, if they had not already formed an opinion on the subject, that some lunatic asylum had been let loose for the evening. "Fisher and Bross" became the popular watchword of the Convention ; so popular in fact, that it was used as a marching song on all subsequent occasions, and a newsboy was heard to inform an inquisitive old gentleman that "Fisher and Bross is de candidates dey nominated fer President."

The next morning was consumed by an interesting business session, the place of meeting having been changed to the lecture room of the Union College of Law. One of the most beneficial incidents of fraternity conventions is the opportunity which they afford for a warm discussion of fraternity policy, aims and methods. Such discussion develops beneficial criticism, and also tends to awaken interest in fraternity matters by throwing open to the inspection of the whole body of delegates, a detailed account of the machinery of its government. Within the last few years the general drift of the fraternity system has particularly emphasized the narrower brotherhood of chapter life, and in some instances, unconsciously perhaps, has had a tendency toward the establishment of individual clubs at the separate institutions where chapters are located. With the exception of direct communication between active chapters, the most powerful counter-agent of such a tendency is certainly found in the discussions of fraternity or provincial conventions.

It was after one o'clock when adjournment was taken—nothing but hunger and timely warning that the boat would leave the pier at three P. M., for a trip to Evanston, having any effect in bringing proceedings to a close. The ride to Evanston on Lake Michigan proved to be one of the most enjoyable events of the Convention. Stories were told, songs were sung, and many old and several new jokes were perpetrated. A vote for President revealed that the political status of the party was as follows: Republicans, 39; Democrats, 22; Prohibitionist, 1. Mrs. Cleveland seemed to be a general favorite with all parties. A search warrant was issued to bring to light the member who had enrolled himself as a Prohibitionist. Suspicion pointed strongly to several of

the brethren who hovered continually around the water-tank, but no satisfactory results were reached. Jolly good feeling had, of course, long before this disseminated itself, and it is very safe to say, that every one present felt privately convinced that, although we have thirty-eight chapters scattered all over the country, from Boston to San Francisco, and from New Orleans to Ann Arbor, yet Sigs are Sigs, and that our standard for membership remains the same wherever we may be situated.

But returning from this self-landatory digression concerning the excellent qualities of Sigs in general, to "that evening on Lake Michigan," we insert Bro. Shuman's account thereof, gratefully thanking him for his kind response to our petition for the same :

It was time for the stars to come out, and they were appearing one by one. It had been a perfect day. The Committee on Entertainment had chartered the little pleasure steamer "Charm," and five o'clock had found the party of sixty or more at the bar off the shore of the campus of Northwestern University, and opposite the life-saving station. The life-saving crew, made up entirely of college students, two Sigs among them, went out in small boats and brought the party ashore. After being shown through the U. S. life-saving station, the delegation marched up through the campus, and was met at the college building by the white-haired, kindly Dr. Cummings, president of the institution, who showed the party through the chief building. As the sun was about setting, and as a photographer was in waiting at the chapter-house to "take" the party, we hurried thither, and were soon decorating the lawn, porch and balcony of the neat three-story building that has been honored with the rank and title of "Omega Chapter House." And then the Omega boys "set 'em up" royally—insomuch that the inner man rejoiced and clapped its hands and made merry even unto that doleful tune :

A Sig I am, a Sig I be,  
A Sig through all eternity.

It had been their intention to show the party about Evanston in coaches, but the vehicles, which had been in waiting all the afternoon, had to be sent away empty, for it was growing dark, and the cry had gone around, "All aboard for Chicago !"

As that host marched down the principal streets of Evanston to the pier nobody wondered who its members were. Oh, no ! Not unless they were deaf, or lived in the next county, where they could not hear the whispered query and the gentle reply : "What's the matter with Sigma Chi ?" "She-e's all right !" Half way down the pier there was a sudden halt. A high gate with horizontal iron bars confronted the

crowd, and an overhanging screen of barbed wire met the hat of the adventurous climber. Only a minute though, for such trifles. Two of the bars bent apart—one man through—two through—all through, and the bars bent back again just as a very portly policeman hove in sight on a tour of inspection. But then, as I remarked before, it was time for the stars to come out.

Toot! toot! All aboard! Out on the glassy lake, tinged a rosy red with the dying sunset! Every event of the day a happy remembrance,—every soul in harmony,—who will forget that evening's ride from Evanston to Chicago?

Merrily we roll along, roll along, roll along,  
Merrily we roll along, o'er the deep blue sea.

The steamer had not cleared the end of the pier before a volume of song was rolling in toward the leafy shore and far out upon the silent lake; and what is more, it did not cease until the lights on the Randolph street bridge announced the end of the trip. Song followed song in swift succession with scarcely time for a joke and a roar between. The steady beating of the screw below kept time. The very evening seemed in tune. Fast or slow, grave or gay, it mattered not. One time it was the deafening chorus of

Hail! Hail! Hail! A mystical brotherhood we!  
Hail! Hail! Hail! All care to the winds! We are free!

The very next breeze that came along carried in its bosom the noble strains of

Nearer, my God, to Thee,  
Nearer to Thee;  
E'en though it be a cross  
That raiseth me!

Sweetly, reverently, strong and full, two verses of that grand world-hymn floated out upon the darkness; they sounded strangely sweet, coming from what a moment before and a moment after, was a crowd of thoughtless boys. The long double lines of lights that silently marked out in the darkness the streets of the great city; the occasional flash that lit up a storm-cloud far away on the northern horizon; the white gleam of the water as the little steamer ploughed its rippled surface; the music, the companionship, the associations awakened by the old songs and familiar voices and words, combined to make one of those hours which stand like shining mile-stones, and are planted none too thickly, even in our college days.

The last business meeting of the Seventeenth Grand Chapter was held Friday morning. As soon as the unfinished business had been dis-

posed of, the report of the Committee on Nominations was heard and adopted with enthusiastic acclamation ; the list was as follows :

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		WALTER L. FISHER.

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*First Province*,—W. H. MERRILL, Alpha Theta.

*Second Province*,—W. D. HOOPER, Sigma Sigma.

*Third Province*,—C. WOOD WALTER, Beta.

*Fourth Province*,—HOWARD GORDON, Xi.

*Fifth Province*,—A. T. SCHROEDER, Alpha Lambda.

*Sixth Province*,—C. L. SMITH, Alpha Xi.

The Committee on Nominations ought to be congratulated on their happy choice of fraternity officers ; every man on the list is a sterling Sig., and a capable and willing worker for Sigma Chi interests. Bro. W. L. Fisher, it will be seen, now occupies the position of Grand Quæstor, having resigned the more arduous duties of Grand Tribune to Bro. Alling. It has been his desire for some time past to shift the duties of his position to the shoulders of some younger Sig., particularly so, since his recent important appointment in the Law Department of the City of Chicago. His duties in the latter office, together with his personal practice, preclude the possibility of his devoting nearly so much time as formerly to Sigma Chi affairs. Nevertheless, he is still near the helm,—the fact is, we cannot get along without him. To his untiring and devoted efforts have been due our energy and advancement during the last six years,—a period rather critical in our history,—the beneficial effects of which we are just beginning to feel. THE SIGMA CHI QUARTERLY has also succeeded beyond the most ardent hopes of those of us who saw its rather fluctuating and feeble efforts when first issued. Bro. Fisher is the one man whose ever ready pen, and accurate, painstaking information concerning his own and other fraternities has made it what it is. We cannot afford to lose him. Long may he wave !

The Prætors of the different provinces, it will be seen, are *active* members instead of alumni, as heretofore. The idea of the Committee

on Nominations in making this change is certainly a good one; active members are necessarily more alive to the interests of their own and sister chapters, and consequently better able to cope with questions of provincial policy.

Before adjournment, Bro. Brumback offered this resolution :

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Seventeenth Grand Chapter of the Sigma Chi Fraternity be, and hereby are, extended to the Alumni members resident in Chicago, for their courteous, genial and generous entertainment of the delegates and visitors to this Convention.

It was adopted with three big cheers, which would have been magnified to three times three had the boys not known that they would have another opportunity to express their appreciation at the banquet in the evening. The place of the next meeting of the Grand Chapter was left unsettled. Most of the delegates seemed to think that "Chicago was good enough for them," in view of the very hospitable treatment they had received. But our policy has always been averse to making any one city a central rendezvous for all fraternity gatherings. A convention always wakes up the more or less dormant enthusiasm of alumni in the locality where it is held. It is therefore desirable to vary our places as much as possible, and it is hoped that our next convention will be held in some more Eastern city or in some locality where alumni, whose business prevents their attendance at a convention far away from home, may renew their college days and become acquainted with the boys who compose the active fraternity of to-day.

Had the members of the committee who planned our entertainment possessed the power of regulating the weather, they could not have produced a better article in that line than kind Providence meted out during our stay in Chicago. Thursday afternoon was warm and sultry; the grand old lake was smooth and calm, but just cool enough to make the ride to Evanston delightful. Friday morning a stiff east wind began to blow from over the lake, and the glassy surface of the night before was broken into white caps that rivaled in size those on the shore of old ocean. It was just the afternoon for a tally-ho ride; the air was cool and bracing and invigorating. We started from the Tremont about three p. m. midst blowing of horns and waving of everything wavable at the crowd of observers that had gathered to witness our departure. As soon as we had emerged from the more crowded thoroughfares of metropolitan Chicago to the beautiful driveway on the lake front, horses and drivers seemed to catch the inspiration of the loads they carried, and bowled us merrily down Michigan avenue, through Prairie avenue, and thence to South Park, the new and beautiful addition to Chicago's many

similar spots for public recreation. The frontispiece of this number is a very fair likeness of our two vehicles and their occupants as they were "spotted" by an amateur photographer whom we waylaid at the entrance to South Park. The tally-ho took the lead and held it all the way down and back. Bro. Dawson and Bro. Bross luxuriated as inside passengers. Ex-Grand Consul Brumback made strenuous exertions to persuade the intensely English and self-important Cabby that he could fill the rear seat in a manner which would be much more acceptable to the other occupants of the Derby. But he was mistaken in his man. That functionary, true to his British traditions concerning the eternal fitness of things, refused to abandon his seat or relinquish his personal control of the bugle, which he blew with heart-rending effect at frequent intervals, particularly so whenever he chanced to see a good-looking nurse-girl with a baby-carriage. Finally, being threatened with instant expulsion, he reluctantly compromised, and allowed the precious instrument to be profaned by American lips. Bros. Perkins and Russell were the only ones who succeeded in producing a note, musical or otherwise, and the latter soon rivalled the Cabby in the frequency of his salutations, being much more liberal, and not drawing the line at baby-carriages or nurses.

The other vehicle,—a "tally-ho phaeton,"—was strictly American, both in its peculiar style of construction and the vociferous method with which it made known its approach to the occupants of the beautiful residences that lined the shady streets through which it passed. Three dozen tin horns attuned to every known discord in the scale, were combined with the frantic waving of hats, handkerchiefs, overcoats and canes, to make a somewhat infernal, it is true, but nevertheless very demonstrative and cordial greeting to every man, woman and child met on the way down or back. It is a remarkable fact that only one runaway was caused, in spite of the evident efforts of the thirty-five brethren who thronged the seats and hung over the railing. At a distance of half a mile or so, the noise they made resembled the buzzing of an enormous hive of bees, but far above the din could be distinctly heard the hoarse note of Bro. Schroeder's Mormon war-whoop, the shrill cry of Bro. Ingersoll's piccolo tin horn, and the contagious sound of Bro. Todd's smile. College-boy license was indulged in to the furthest limit, and, as usual on such occasions, jolly, boisterous, unadulterated enjoyment characterized every minute of the ride. Several stops were made on the way down and back at various "points of interest," and about half-past six we reached the Tremont again, cold and tired and hungry,—hungry with a hunger which anticipation of the coming banquet rendered doubly ravenous. About eight o'clock the doors of the large dining-hall were



thrown open, and in double file we were ushered in with music measured to marching time. The closing strains of the music found many in their seats who had been unable to attend the business session of the Grand Chapter.

The Hon. O. S. Brumback, as toastmaster, introduced the orator of the evening, Judge Frank Baker, of Gamma, '61. His theme, "Success," was one which never fails to touch a responsive chord in the breasts of all young men in or out of college, with an untried future before them. Coming from the lips of one so well able to quote experience, and spoken in the kindly tones of advice used by an older brother, its truths impressed themselves with additional force upon the minds of all present. The text of his address we are unable to present to our readers. It was delivered without notes, and though on that account all the more impressive, unfortunately no report was taken. Bro. Walter Malone was unable to be present, much to the regret of all. His poem, which is printed elsewhere in this issue, found a worthy exponent in Bro. Bross, while the glasses touched to his health and happy life.

The boys then addressed themselves with long pent zeal to the regular business of the evening, and course after course of the elegant banquet, which formed the climax of the hospitable entertainment we received in Chicago, was demolished with grateful and conscientious dispatch. The menu cards of blue and gold were very tasty in design—the blank for autographs serving to make them particularly valuable as mementos of the occasion and of the jovial throng gathered that night not to meet again for a couple of years.

One of the most enjoyable features of the evening was the exquisite music furnished by the mandolin orchestra. Their ready improvisation of accompaniments to familiar college and fraternity songs, made their efforts additionally effective. The Toast list was as follows :

WELCOME.....	E WYLLYS ANDREWS...	<i>Omega.</i>
THE OLDEN TIME.....	HON. C. M. DAWSON....	<i>Theta.</i>
THE COLLEGE AND THE STATE.....	GOV. J. M. HAMILTON..	<i>Gamma.</i>
THE OHIO IDEA.....	GEORGE P. MERRICK....	<i>Omega.</i>
MODERN SIGS.....	CHARLES ALLING, JR....	<i>Chi.</i>
THE SUNNY SOUTH.....	S. L. JONES.....	<i>Tau.</i>
BEACON STREET AND THE BACK BAY....	F. C. JARECKI.....	<i>Alpha Theta.</i>
SIGS AT THE GOLDEN GATE.....	A. T. SCHROEDER.....	<i>Alpha Beta.</i>
VALE.....	HON. O. S. BRUMBACK..	<i>Theta Theta.</i>

As Bro. Brumback was forced to leave on an early train, he transferred the duties of toastmaster to Bro. Fisher, and pronounced his very entertaining "Vale" in the very midst of the fun. Music and songs and laughter were interspersed between the succeeding sallies of wit and eloquence, until long into the night. Bro. Dawson, in response to the sen-

timent, "Ye Olden Time," thrilled the heart of every Sigma Chi present with his eloquence and touching reference to the loyal boys who wore the white symbol of our order two decades ago. The absence of a first-class stenographer is our only *post mortem* regret. In response to a toast of Bro. Fisher, which brought every man to his feet with glass in air and a ringing cheer, Bro. Frank M. Elliot, the best-beloved of all Omega Alumni, author of her unique chapter history, and our present Grand Consul, delivered one of the most interesting inaugural addresses ever given before a Sigma Chi Convention. The Fraternity may well congratulate itself upon its choice of so excellent and capable a leader. The executive policy of the next two years will be full of push and energy. It was long after midnight when the last chorus was sung and the final hand-clasp was given. The out-and-out enthusiasm of the long prolonged cheers for the Chicago Alumni and their committee of entertainment, bespoke in part our grateful appreciation of their efforts in our behalf. Other conventions may have been better attended; some may have transacted more business, but none were ever so well entertained. The Seventeenth Grand Chapter subserved its purpose in uniting the whole Fraternity more closely together by ties of personal friendship and gathering an impulse of enthusiasm that will be felt in every chapter. It was a grand success, and the men who were most largely instrumental in making it such were Bros. Fisher, Pellet, Bross and Wightman. From the time when the first stranger's badge loomed up on the horizon of their vision, until the last dead-broke, but still reluctant visitor, borrowed money to get home, they were always on hand ready and willing to supply our wants. May their tribe increase!

The appended list of names was taken from a menu card. Those whose names are omitted must not consider the omission intentional, but charge it to our defective memory and their own neglect in not contributing their autographs.

JUDGE FRANK BAKER.....	Alpha	MASON BROSS.....	Omega
H. S. BURROWES.....	Beta	HON. C. M. DAWSON.....	Theta
B. M. WEEDEN.....	Omega	CHARLES B. WRIGHT.....	Omega
GEORGE ADE.....	Delta Delta	COLFAX E. EARLE.....	Delta Delta
E. L. STUART.....	Gamma	H. H. VINTON.....	Delta Delta
CLIFFORD BURROWES.....	Beta	REV. DAVID D. BIGGER..	Epsilon Epsilon
R. MAY.....	Omega	EDWIN L. SHUMAN.....	Omega
CHAS. ALLING, JR.....	Chi	J. R. HOAGLAND.....	Theta
HON. O. S. BRUMBACK.....	Beta	J. M. GIVENS.....	Zeta Zeta
C. A. WIGHTMAN.....	Omega	E. W. PICKARD.....	Kappa Kappa
C. O. OVIATT.....	Alpha Gamma	W. C. WISE.....	Omega
F. B. COZZENS.....	Omega	H. H. CARPENTER.....	Mu
G. T. WEITZEL.....	Alpha Iota	H. B. SCHMIDT.....	Zeta Psi

FRANK M. ELLIOT.....	Omega	GEO. B. INGERSOLL.....	Alpha Zeta
J. B. KERR.....	Mu	GEORGE P. MERRICK.....	Omega
J. H. HARRISON.....	Xi	WM. R. ALLING.....	Chi
CHARLES W. KUHN.....	Theta Theta	H. J. CUNNINGHAM.....	Alpha Zeta
DR. FRANK ANDREWS.....	Omega	E. M. MARECHAL.....	Alpha Eta
J. D. HOGATE.....	Xi	GILES HUBBARD.....	Omega
W. G. IRWIN.....	Rho	JAMES TODD.....	Chi
JESSE J. SHUMAN.....	Omega	F. C. JARECKI.....	Alpha Theta
CLARENDON B. EYER.....	Theta Theta	J. R. NORTON.....	Alpha Iota
FRANK H. GALE.....	Alpha Gamma	F. J. TOURTELOTTE.....	Omega
C. A. MARSTELER.....	Rho	R. J. NATE.....	Alpha Iota
S. L. JONES.....	Tau	W. T. ALDEN.....	Omega
EDMUND L. ANDREWS.....	Omega	R. F. POTTER.....	Alpha Iota
E. H. EDDY.....	Alpha Epsilon	A. T. SCHROEDER.....	Alpha Lambda
WILLIS SHAW.....	Tau	CHAS. C. RUSSELL.....	Alpha Zeta
J. R. VORIS.....	Chi	HOWARD MORRISON.....	Alpha Lambda
DR. E. WYLLYS ANDREWS.....	Omega	JOHN J. NUTT.....	Omega
W. L. FISHER.....	Chi	J. C. BLOODGOOD.....	Alpha Lambda
CLARENCE S. PELLET.....	Alpha Zeta	R. C. MCALPINE.....	Alpha Xi
JAMES MCWILLIAMS.....	Omega	R. J. PERKINS, JR.....	Alpha Omicron
HOWARD FISHER.....	Chi	W. S. WHITE.....	Alpha Pi
FRED F. NORCROSS.....	Alpha Zeta	C. A. FISKE.....	Alpha Pi
O. M. G. HOWARD.....	Omega	H. H. HARVEY.....	Omega

## THE GOOD OLD COLLEGE DAYS.

BY WALTER MALONE, ETA, 1887.

*Read at the Banquet of the Seventeenth Grand Chapter of the Sigma Uhi Fraternity.*

The days that have fled seem brightest and best,  
The hours that are dead, most joyous and sweet ;  
The dearest on earth were the lips we then pressed,  
The warmest were hearts that now cease to beat ;  
The locks we caressed were fullest of splendor,  
The tones that we heard the softest e'er spoken,  
The eyes that we loved most gentle and tender,  
The flowers most fair whose sprays are now broken.

Fond hearts that still beat may charm us with love,  
But those that are dead were kindest of all,  
The voices that now our sad spirits move,  
Are not as the tones we cannot recall ;  
The eyes that now wake our souls to devotion  
Are not half so bright as those that have vanished ;  
The lips we still touch may cause sweet emotion,  
But now the true charm forever is banished.

The old college days were gayest e'er known,  
The old college friends the fullest of worth,  
The love of those friends the truest e'er won,  
The souls of those friends the fullest of mirth ;  
The boys we then loved were braver and brighter,  
Their faces the dearest e'er gathered together,  
Their warm throbbing hearts were gayer and lighter,  
Ah, me, the whole year was fair summer weather !

But now the fleet years grow gloomy and chill,  
The blue sunny skies are draped in dull cloud,  
The voice of our mirth grows saddened, then still,  
The pleasures of youth are laid in their shroud ;  
The dear college friends are scattered asunder,  
The dear college boys tread scenes full of sorrow ;  
Alone and in doubt, the wide world we wander,  
And lose the bright past in each dark to-morrow.

Still, oft in these days of darkness and doubt,  
When life from its height begins to decline,  
Amid the dim shades a star will shine out,  
Sweet birds sing their songs, and fair blossoms twine ;  
For out the dead past sweet voices come ringing,  
Perfumes of dead flowers revive and flit hither,  
Fair faces we knew like angels come winging,  
When old college friends again meet together !

And now, on this night we gather in mirth,  
Like shades of sea kings in this festal hall,  
To talk of old friends, the truest on earth,  
And talk of old times, the dearest of all ;  
Like sailors long tossed on the billows of ocean,  
We'll rest here at last and tell wondrous stories,  
Like soldiers long driven by war's wild commotion,  
In peace we will sing the lay of our glories.

Then, comrades, fill up each goblet with wine,  
Till bright twinkling beads peep over the brim ;  
Then lift them on high, like rubies to shine,  
Or great beaming stars in the twilight dim ;  
Now drink to the days deserted forever,  
And drink to the joys that long have departed ;  
Now drink to the souls that Fate cannot sever,  
And drink to our boys so noble hearted.

May life for us all strew dreams full of joy,  
And bring every hope to flower and fruit,  
May each have the heart and soul of the boy,  
And let age's lore forever be mute ;  
May all go through earth with hand in hand twining,  
Mid fields all bedecked with fair, fadeless blossom ;  
May all pass away with no sad repining,  
And rest in one bower mid Eden's fair bosom.

## CULTURE AND POLITICS.

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IN periods of political agitation like that just passed, no person interested in higher education can fail to remark that men of culture as such do not enjoy an amount of influence in political affairs corresponding to the expectations which the fact of their culture would seem to justify. It is, indeed, a stale common-place that the offices are not usually filled by such men. One frequently reads even in high class journals that college men never do anything after they get out of school ; that the places of power are all filled by untrained or self-trained men. This doubtless is a gross exaggeration ; still there is in the statement sufficient truth to furnish material for serious reflection. By this it is not affirmed that the men of first-rate training who occupy places of power are fewer in proportion to their total number than the untrained, but only that the former are fewer in proportion to what men consider their legitimate claims. For it is not very unnatural to argue that the cultured classes, just because they are the cultured classes, should furnish not a share but all of the leaders. In certain fields this is already substantially true. It is almost wholly the case in the teacher's profession, slightly less so in the ministry, and perhaps less in the law and medicine. People naturally expect the same rule to hold in politics. They are, therefore, disappointed when this expectation is not fulfilled.

But if we are disappointed because culture fails to attain official ascendancy, we must be still more surprised that it exercises so little influence on politics through personal intercourse in private life. In most matters the public sentiment of any community is largely determined by what the people of culture think. In politics, however, the advocacy of any cause by such people is not unfrequently an obstacle to the success of that cause. In college and university towns, where the president and faculty are deeply interested in the suppression of vicious places of resort, they find themselves obliged to move with the utmost caution lest they should prejudice the very interests they are trying to serve. If they are men of sound discretion, they usually keep in the back-ground, and accomplish their ends as far as possible through practical men on whose sagacity and good faith they can rely.

The political weakness of the cultured classes is also well illustrated by the history of those agitations which have largely enlisted the clerical and literary professions. The career of the Prohibition party is a case in point. Whatever may be its ultimate fate, it requires little courage to

predict that it will have little chance of success till it sloughs off the leadership of the college professors, the preachers, and the women. Nor does this necessarily affirm that these leaders are incompetent, but only that the masses of voters do not and will not follow them. The free-trade agitation is another case in point. Even the most ardent protectionist must admit that the professors of political economy, who are the natural leaders in such a matter, are almost all on the side of free-trade. Such unanimity among professors of physiology on any matter in their department would long since have settled that question. But the professional advocacy of free trade has made few converts. The majority of voters believe in protection as confidently as ever. In like manner the recent movement in favor of civil-service reform has been easily met by sneers at the kid-gloved character of its advocates. Of course there is no intention to affirm that the culture of the supporters of these movements has been the only or chief cause of their failure, but merely that it has been a real hindrance.

Assuming, then, the truth of the proposition that the cultured classes are comparatively impotent in practical politics, what are the causes which explain and the remedies which may be expected to mitigate, though they cannot wholly cure the disease?

It occurs to us, first, that the uninfluential position of culture belongs to democratic governments, as such. It is characteristic of men in general to feel jealous of the authority of those who are evidently their superiors in knowledge and training. This is a fact common to all ages. Pericles found it expedient to follow the standard of pronunciation accepted by the average Athenian of his day, and from his own practice he derived a maxim for orators generally. The Jacobins of '93 used the guillotine to express their hostility to superior culture as much as their hatred of monarchy. In republican America the democratic love of equality finds its best opportunity on election day. The average man who finds himself relegated to a more or less subordinate position in business, in society, and in the church, all the more energetically asserts his equality at almost the only place where it must pass unquestioned, that is, at the polls. He is therefore, particularly anxious, in casting his vote, not to seem to yield to the dictation of his natural superiors. We have, thus, in the mean passion of envy one cause of the political weakness of the cultured classes.

In the second place, this system which makes one's political position depend on the will of the masses is very apt to prove fatal to the aspirations of men of special culture, because the masses have perfectly honest doubts concerning the fitness of such men for the work of political leadership. The average voter thinks of the man of superior education



as one whose opinion on some matter in his own specialty may be very valuable, but who, outside of that specialty, is hardly possessed of ordinary common-sense. "Much learning doth make thee mad," is the comment of practical men in every age, and in every department. But especially in politics do men listen with impatience to the suggestions of scholars. That there is a considerable foundation for this way of looking at things is the verdict of history. Witness the career of Guizot in France; or mark the contrast between the efforts of the scholars to unify Germany in 1848, and the triumphant conclusion of the same task by Bismarck in 1870. The *doctrinaire* tendencies and the *doctrinaire* weaknesses of men of learning might be illustrated indefinitely from contemporaneous politics. Thus, the very extensive clerical opposition to all regulation of the liquor traffic as immoral argues a failure to comprehend the fundamental principle, that legislation must adapt itself to possibility as determined by the circumstances of time and place rather than to the principles of abstract ethics.

But the unfitness for political leadership of men who are merely learned is a proposition easily established from *a priori* considerations; and this brings us to a third cause of the political impotence of the cultured classes. Culture in the very nature of the case more or less disables men for successful activity in public life. This becomes evident when we contrast the characteristics needed in the practical politician with those naturally developed by a life of study. To begin with, politics is a realm of action. To its votary knowledge is a mere instrument. His business in life is to *do*. To the scholar, on the other hand, the end of existence is to *know*. This initial antithesis obtains throughout. The politician must have a creed. He must decide to favor some particular policy and devote himself to its realization. He must, therefore, be a partisan, an agitator. But the scholar as such can have no creed. Truth is the mistress that ever claims his first service. His most fondly cherished notions he must be ready to relinquish if the evidence goes against them. Trained to this in college life, it grows up more and more, if he specializes in any department, until he becomes almost morbid in his anxiety to be scientifically correct. A reputation for inconsistency has no terrors for him; but to have held a false opinion an hour after it had been exploded fills him with shame and mortification. He is therefore commonly without a fixed policy, and more or less at the mercy of every new idea. Not so the man of affairs. He realizes that, after having honestly tried to choose the right side, it then becomes his duty to act as if he thought himself infallible. It is not impossible that his very stupidity will sometimes stand him in good stead. So McCarthy, after commenting on the inferior talents of Lord George Bentinck, declares

that he "was only the more necessary to his party because he could honestly continue to believe in the old doctrines, no matter what political economy and hard facts could say to the contrary."

But, again, the scholar's excessive reverence for truth not only deprives him of that very essential element—a creed; it also develops in him a characteristic which is as inimical to success as a creed is necessary, that is, a hesitating judgment. Rather than risk being inaccurate or inconsequential, he will let slip the golden moment for action. So Bagehot says, the philosopher "would be investigating while he should attack, inquiring while he should speak."

We have seen that the scholar in politics has too great a love for truth to be a really effective partisan, and that this same love for truth makes his judgment too hesitating for practical affairs where promptness is essential; it is further to be remarked that there is considerable warrant for the assertion that men of superior culture are apt to be mere theorists. The antithesis between theory and practice is doubtless somewhat artificial, that is, every one must have a more or less adequate theory; still it contains an element of truth. This element of truth is found in the very different estimates made by the philosopher and the man of affairs with regard to the value of a self-consistent theory. The philosopher, when confronted with the impossibility of constructing a theory which shall take into account every force in a complex field like human society, is inclined to consider obstreperous facts quite unimportant, if only he can save his theory. The practical man, on the other hand, lets theory-making go by default, but clings to the facts. The philosophic student is especially liable to overlook particular, local, contingent elements, if these would have no material effect on the result. The broad outline facts of human nature and society he comprehends well enough; and from these he reasons with reckless confidence: but of the power of minor forces, such as whim, prejudice, tradition, and a thousand and one others equally irrational, he has no adequate conception. Not so is it with the man of action. With these minor forces he has become so familiar that he instantly gauges their power. If he is unable to show their true relation to the whole system of things, he at least never makes the mistake of ignoring them. If he can not explain the stone wall, he recognizes the fact that it is there, and proceeds to go round it. Theoretic consistency he is content to miss; success he must have at all hazards.

This failure to appreciate minor forces not only leads to theoretic one-sidedness, it is also the parent of innumerable blunders in practice. Burchard's "Rum, Romanism, and Rebellion" was a smart and effective alliteration; it was doubtless intended to help Mr. Blaine; but it illus-

trated again the scholar's inability to estimate the power of trifles. To know when to hold one's tongue is of the utmost importance to the politician. Undue frankness is the common fault of those with whom theoretic studies have predominated. According to Guizot, one of the chief causes of Hildebrand's failure to establish the temporal supremacy of the papacy was his untimely announcement of his program. The theory of the headship of the Spiritual looked so reasonable that a clear setting forth seemed the only thing necessary to its acceptance. The result showed that he had forgotten the power of "vested interests." He merely enabled them to say "Forewarned is forearmed." So in the late campaign it was certainly a mistake for the Third party leaders to announce frankly their determination to smash the Republican party; since this course served to arouse the waning loyalty of the only class of voters from whom they could hope to make any considerable gains.

Thus far we have spoken of the intellectual defects which disqualify the scholar for an active political life; but it is evident that study tends to develop still greater disqualifications of heart and will. To spend one's time discovering truth makes but little draft on the non-intellectual part of the man; but to advocate and enforce the adoption of truth is a quite different matter. This latter, however, is just the business of those who are engaged in public life. The essence of the state is not intellect but will. The state is the community so organized that there may be a true general will. The business of those who govern is to ascertain, proclaim, and enforce that general will. This last is their most specific duty. In the last issue, therefore, government involves the resort to physical force. Evidently those who are not prepared to face the chance of an appeal to the final arbiter have no place in offices directly concerned with executive business. Even the duties of the ordinary citizen in the primaries or at the polls, demand the nerve that is not shaken by derisive howls, by fierce looks or by menacing gestures. The great places call for equal courage, though of a higher sort. The sneers, the innuendo, the blackguardism, the personal insults, perpetrated by the party press,—most of all, the honest indignation of the masses of the people at some unpopular measure, these things try the stoutest heart. President Cleveland has been the subject of much criticism for showing that the thrusts of his enemies had hurt. He had, however, a pretty respectable example in Washington, who bitterly complained that he had been abused "in such exaggerated and indecent terms as could scarcely be applied to a Nero, a notorious defaulter, or even to a common pickpocket." Now if men who have been all their lives in public offices are thus sensitive, surely there is little chance for

those whom the retired pursuits of the scholar have rendered vastly more accessible to every form of abuse.

Up to this point we have spoken of the unfitness of the scholar for active participation in politics as the result of a certain incongruity between politics as such and intellectual culture as such. It is hardly necessary to add that this divorce of the ideal and practical may easily be exaggerated by deficiencies in the system of culture. The timidity and sensitive shrinking from contact with the rougher classes, which is natural to the student, is of course greatly increased by the lack of physical training, particularly in manly sports. So again when college curricula had no room for courses in politics or economics, there was no occasion for surprise that college-bred men were ignorant and impractical in these departments. The same fact explains the frequent lack of interest in practical questions and the common failure to recognize their importance. When a student's time for four years is given almost exclusively to the study of topics entirely removed from contemporaneous political life, he will of course care very little about that life. This is all the more certain to be the case if his instructors are really scholarly men, deeply absorbed in working out their respective fields. The stronger and more single-minded they are, the more will the student under their influence get into the way of thinking that there is nothing worthy of his thought except the particular departments of study thus assiduously cultivated. Incidentally it is worthy of remark that the law common to many of the states, by virtue of which the student is practically disfranchised for four years, though proper enough from the standpoint of the commonwealth, is educationally very unfortunate, since it tends to increase the cloister-like character of student life. This is especially true, if a young man arrives at his majority while still in his course. In such case he is started off on his career as a fully-fledged citizen, under circumstances which, instead of impressing the full significance of his functions as an elector, tend rather to make him forget that he has arrived at the important stage in his life.

Thus much for some of the causes which explain the political impotence of the cultured classes; the consideration of remedies will be reserved for a future article.

## THE COLLEGIAN AS A CLUB MAN.

EDWARD WYLLYS ANDREWS.

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UNIVERSITY clubs, or clubs composed entirely of college graduates, have in recent years been organized in several of the larger American cities. With the exception of the pioneer, the New York University Club, they have all grown up within three or four years, yet they have taken rank almost from their inception with the oldest and strongest clubs in their respective localities. It is worth while to glance at some of the characteristics of club men and of college men, to see if we can discover what causes underlie the remarkable success that university clubs have attained. A few statistical facts about university clubs and others that are well known will be found at the end of this article.

What makes a man desirable as a club member? The reply is, he must be "clubable." No one has yet defined categorically what that means, and no one can define it, not even the initiated; perhaps the type may vary slightly with the environment. In general it is safe to say that the ideal is the man of the world, taking the expression in its best sense as meaning a man of liberal mind, whose tastes and manners have felt the broadening influences of contact with the world, one who knows himself, and knows human nature to the extent of getting along well under all circumstances, and making a reasonably good impression upon others. It will be seen that this concerns the outward rather than the inward man, and that it is not very lofty as an ideal. It describes the agreeable rather than the able man. While it may not be easy to limit and define the term "club man" in the abstract, there is not so much difficulty in practice in recognizing the individuals who come under it. Exactly as in selecting members of a college fraternity, there are certain qualifying traits about men, easily recognized but not readily formulated. Probably it is true that different clubs attract somewhat different types of members, yet the points of similarity are, on the whole, more obvious than the points of difference.

There is a striking similarity in the aims and methods of clubs, which runs often into the merest detail, showing that they have been modeled, one in imitation of another and older one, until the original type has become universal. This imitativeness, whatever its objections, is a sign of cautious conservatism, the disposition to hold on to what is known to be good until something else is proven better. It is safer and easier than experiment, and it secures the formation of many clubs

where they would not exist had the whole system to be invented *de novo* in each case. Average men have not much creative genius, especially in social matters. While this close patterning may seem narrowing, in that it tends to form men in a single mould, from another point of view it is broadening in that it tends to world-wide similarity of customs and the breaking down of provincialism. The club man, both in his virtues and his shortcomings, is in truth the opposite of provincial. It is not exactly true that the cosmopolitan type of men make up the majority of club members, nevertheless they do have much influence upon their tone and management. General uniformity of club life and customs has influences upon the social life of the whole community which it is well to note. Anything which has a tendency to promote similarity of manners and customs in different regions is of itself a powerful agent in causing the disappearance of sectional and national prejudices. The individual who is away from home finds in this similarity of clubs a great convenience. Once inducted into the simple routine of club life, he is equally at ease in any club-house in the world, whether in London or Calcutta, Paris or Melbourne, Chicago or Constantinople. The mode of life he finds the same, the little tricks and *convenances* of social form are the same, the same type of men haunt their rooms, and the same atmosphere of good breeding and good form pervades them all. The historian Froude in his recent work, "*Oceana*," describes a journey around the world, undertaken, he assures us, with the purpose of studying the type of manhood which the transplanted Briton is developing in his Australian and American home. The historic value of the conclusions recorded in this book may perhaps be questioned when we read that the writer formed most of his impressions, and indeed spent most of his time, in the club-houses of Melbourne, Sidney, San Francisco, and other cities in which he tarried. National traits are not well studied in city clubs, which are too cosmopolitan to have much local feeling. For this very reason, moreover, they may be helpful to many of their members who do not travel, but find a touch of foreign influence broadening, stimulating and beneficial.

To return to the question, "What makes a man desirable as a club member?" we have seen that there is really no specific test. If we insist that a man must be a gentleman we are met by the difficulty that this term cannot be rigidly defined, and may carry very different ideas to different people. Previous to the formation of university clubs there was no fixed standard of education, culture or taste to which membership must approach. On the contrary, the favoritism of a committee on admission, or the mere possession of wealth, would sometimes let in a certain percentage of candidates not personally desirable. But what

about the qualifications of college men for club membership? We believe it can be shown that in every point which goes to make men "clubable" college graduates average well, and that in some directions they are pre-eminent. Reference to a few facts only need be made in support of this. As to social questions, it seems like a truism to say that college men rank high in every community. Equally it is obvious that the graduates of universities, while of course they have no monopoly of the scholarly and intellectual pursuits, have a great superiority in these respects. In the possession of wealth, college men perhaps do not stand in the front rank. Many of our richest men have never seen the inside of a college hall. University men, entering largely upon professional work, cannot be expected to stand foremost in money-getting. On the other hand, so many rich men send their sons to college that university clubs find among their candidates a considerable percentage of persons who have inherited wealth. Men of this class, almost without exception, prefer to identify themselves with clubs which make a college degree the *sine qua non* of membership. What is better than the possession of wealth, however, is found among college graduates as well as in student life, *i. e.*, the disposition to rate a man at his true worth irrespective of his income. This democratic good feeling, which pervades college and post-graduate life, extends more widely than the membership of any single institution. It is felt instinctively by all university men toward each other. The moulding influence of four years in college halls has left its impress upon them all alike. Common memories and common tastes bind them together. The associations of college life being so highly valued by most men, naturally the tendency would be toward segregation in exclusive clubs. That such a tendency has not until recently been manifested may be the want of opportunity. The possibility has lain dormant in every large city, and we may well wonder that it was not earlier improved.

Many other bonds, far less strong and lasting, have served to draw men together and unite them into clubs. Political preferences have often been made the basis of selection. The Union League Club of New York, and the prosperous Chicago organization, bearing the same name, are examples of what may be done in this line. Yet how weak is the bond of party affiliation, compared with that which unites college men! Several powerful clubs, composed exclusively of army and navy officers, have houses in the West End of London. The professional basis of selection may have certain practical advantages in one or two directions, but is decidedly objectionable in others. Life in clubs composed of members of a single calling, is in danger of becoming narrow and monotonous. University clubs are not open to this objection, since

all classes and professions of educated men are sure to be well represented. In our own country we see in the popularity of the veteran army organizations, what a power there is in old associations to draw men together. These are hardly illustrations of true clubs, however. Finally, wealth and lineage may have been made the tests of eligibility in some few clubs. Even in England, where, if anywhere, money and rank are worshiped, they are not generally used as a basis of club membership. On the contrary, a man's personality, rather than his pocket-book, is the thing chiefly considered. Therefore, we do not find the nobility collected in organizations by themselves, the Cræsus in others, and the men of intellectual pre-eminence in still others, but a general mixture of all in the same clubs. Some of the brightest and most popular, or, in other words, the most "clubable" of men are without the backing of either wealth or family. A journalist, a professional man, or an army or navy officer, will not have great wealth unless possibly by inheritance. Yet men of this description are often the most active promoters of clubs. Just this type of men, too, by habit and experience well fitted for leadership, are found among the graduates of our colleges. It is well known that army and navy officers are welcomed in social life the world over. Clubs especially seem to court their membership. In University clubs these gentlemen are made a special class, like non-resident members, as their duties require a frequent change of residence. Of course it is understood that graduation from West Point or the Naval Academy, is the full equivalent of a college degree, which is true.

Upon the whole, then, we must conclude from these comparisons, that the college graduate is a "clubable" man. We are led to inquire next, what are university clubs? To this the answer may be given that that they are not different from other city clubs, except as to the qualification for membership. As has been stated, when a number of men establish a new club, they usually copy pretty minutely the methods of successful older clubs. This is not any more surprising than that business men should follow the same policy in their affairs, or that college authorities, or college students should be found doing most things in routine imitation of some one else. Originality is to be desired sometimes, and sometimes not. Problems concerned largely with human prejudices and preferences, cannot be solved by abstract reasoning. He is the winning man, in most practical affairs, who adopts promptly the successful methods of his time. Equally in the formation and conduct of clubs, experience has developed a certain system of management which is now practically universal, and which it is not well to ignore. If variations are attempted, it would be safer to enter upon them after the club has become firmly established than at the beginning.



There was danger in the earlier history of university clubs, that too little attention would be paid to experience, and that some form of experimental organization would result, having little power of perpetuation, and of comparatively little value to its members. Many persons not experienced in club matters, fancied that a university club should be literary rather than social in its aims; and that the ordinary club features, such as dining facilities, were of secondary importance. They could not see why unostentatious but comfortable quarters could not be kept up at an expense far less than that of fashionable clubs. Here, again, theory runs against the hard facts of experience. It was soon found that to succeed, in competition with strong and established clubs, it was essential to offer facilities equal to the best. It was necessary to have a membership of the older, as well as the younger, men—many of these were already enrolled in prosperous clubs, and would not change their old associations unless equally desirable ones were offered.

To put university clubs upon a fair basis of competition, was therefore the first essential of success; but when once this basis was approximated, their growth and prosperity were remarkable. The University Club of New York, has been called quite justly one of the most successful clubs in existence. Certainly none ever acquired a larger or better membership in an equal length of time. It is no small achievement in conservative New York, for so young an institution to win a leading position among its strong and wealthy rivals. The roll of this club is over fifteen hundred strong, over nine hundred being resident members, and the remainder army and navy or non-resident members. Next in size and importance stands the Chicago University club, now near the end of the second year of its existence. This club has as yet no building of its own, occupying two floors of a business block having eighty feet frontage upon Dearborn Street, in the business part of the great city. This is the most eligible location of any club in Chicago, the nearest of the others being a few squares from the heart of the city. In a few years the club will construct and occupy a building of its own. A number of its wealthy members declare their readiness to advance the funds for the object, when the club finds itself able to undertake it. The limit of membership is five hundred, and the present membership nearly four hundred, a few of whom do not reside in Chicago. The Cincinnati University Club has been in existence three years, and has between one hundred and fifty and two hundred members. The St. Louis University Club made the mistake of admitting to membership a few who were not college graduates. This resulted in a general relaxation of the rule, so that now it is a University Club only in name.

Clubs formed exclusively of the graduates of one institution, or of members of a single fraternity, have been organized quite extensively in New York City of late years, but have not yet appeared in other localities. The Harvard Club, with over five hundred members and a modest club-house of its own, is doing a useful work for Harvard; but it can hardly be said to occupy a strong position among clubs, or to seek such a position. Its dues are intentionally kept so low as to prevent this. The same thing may be said of the Greek fraternity clubs. The Delta Kappa Epsilon Club is strong in numbers, however, having about three hundred, has a comfortable club-house, with a restaurant and other attractions, and is quite prosperous. The Psi Upsilon Club has also a house of its own, to one part of which the Columbia College Psi U's are allowed access. The membership is one hundred and forty-five. Below will also be found a list of a number of other fraternity clubs in New York City, showing that the system is well established there.

These special fraternity and college clubs serve a valuable purpose, particularly in aiding young men who come to the metropolis and could not, for some years at least, gain admission to the older clubs. The low figures at which the dues are kept is an important element in their usefulness. These organizations hardly serve the full purpose of clubs to their older members, however, and are not regarded by them in that light.

What will be the future of university clubs, it is yet too early to say. It is probable that nearly every large American city will soon contain one. Looking forward toward that result, it is to be hoped that sooner or later they may be federated to the extent that membership in one will carry with it the privileges of hospitality in another, as is now done in the Union League clubs. It is an age of combinations and trusts. Perhaps we may yet see the formation of a club trust, not to corner the price of membership, but for the mutual benefit of all.

In closing we may summarize our conclusions as follows: Club life is an institution, and club men are a sort of class. They and their mode of life are much the same the world over. College graduates take quite naturally to club life. University clubs differ from ordinary clubs in their standard of membership, but not particularly in any other respect. They have been remarkably successful in the short time they have existed, and the end is not yet. In the tables below will be found certain facts regarding university clubs. The second table furnishes, by way of comparison, the main facts regarding a few other well-known clubs in different cities, east and west.

TABLE I.—UNIVERSITY CLUBS.

NAME.	LOCATION.	ORGAN- IZED.	No. OF MEMBERS	LIMIT.	QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.	ENTR'CE FEE.	DUES.
University Club.	N. Y. City..	1865	928	...	Univ. Degree.	\$200	\$60
" "	Chicago....	1887	401	500	"	100	60
" "	Cincinnati..	1885	158	500	"	25	40
" "	Detroit....	1886	200	...	"	100	40
" "	Kansas City	1886	150	...	"	...	40
Harvard	" N. Y. City..	1866	568	...	{ Degree, or one year at Harvard. Ψ T, except Students. Princeton Stud'ts and Graduates. }	{ 10 15 *10 }	{ 20 *10 20 }
Psi Upsilon	" "	1886	145†	250	{ Degree, or one year at Harvard. Ψ T, except Students. Princeton Stud'ts and Graduates. }	{ 10 15 *10 }	{ 20 *10 20 }
Princeton	" "	1886	264	...	{ Degree, or one year at Harvard. Ψ T, except Students. Princeton Stud'ts and Graduates. }	{ 10 15 *10 }	{ 20 *10 20 }
Delta Psi	" "	1879	800	...	Δ Ψ.	...	...
Delta Phi	" "	1888	120	...	Δ Φ.	25	25
Zeta Psi	" "	1887	125	...	Z Ψ.	25	25
Phi Delta Theta	" "	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	6
Delta Kappa Epsilon	" "	1885	{ 275 75 }	...	Δ K E.	{ 20 *10 }	{ 20 *10 }

\* Smaller sum for Graduates of less than five years.

† Of which Lambda Chapter has 72.

TABLE II.—OTHER CITY CLUBS.

NAME.	LOCATION.	No. OF MEMBERS.	LIMIT TO MEMBERSHIP.	INITIATION FEE.	DUES.
Somerset Club.....	Boston.....	550	550	\$100	\$100
Rittenhouse Club...	Philadelphia...	400	400	100	80
Chicago Club.....	Chicago.....	400	400	300	80
Union Club.....	".....	401	...	100	60
Calumet Club.....	".....	580	...	100	80
Union League Club.	".....	900	...	100	80
Kenwood Club.....	" (suburban)	300	300	50	80
Illinois Club.....	".....	343	400	100	40
Denver Club.....	Denver.....	145	300	100	80
Union Club.....	San Francisco..	337	...	200	*120
Minnesota Club....	St. Paul.....	323	...	100	60
Kansas City Club...	Kansas City....	365	...	200	40

\* Ten dollars per month.

## A NOVEL PAN-HELLENIC BANQUET.

DESPITE the temptations of mountain and sea-shore, the past summer has not been an uneventful one in the fraternity world. For rumors come to us of conventions and Pan-Hellenic banquets from the very outposts of the Grecian army, the Golden Gate, where old Helios, true to his Sigma Chi colors, fires the blue heavens with blazing gold as he sinks into the blue Pacific.

On the 16th of July, the annual convention of the National Educational Association was held in San Francisco, and as it was evident that quite a number of fraternity men were among the visitors, the idea occurred to certain Sigs to effect an assemblage of such Greek-letter men as might be sociably inclined. Accordingly, on the morning of the 18th, a register was opened at the Palace Hotel, over which Bro. A. T. Schroeder, of Alpha Lambda, now Grand Prætor of the Fifth Province, became the presiding genius. Two hundred and eleven names were recorded, of which only about twenty were residents of San Francisco. These were scattered among the fraternities, as follows:  $\Delta \Delta \Phi$ , 14;  $\Sigma X$ , 10;  $\Delta T \Delta$ , 7;  $X \Psi$ , 6;  $\Delta K E$ , 21;  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ , 15;  $\Phi K \Psi$ , 14;  $B \Theta \Pi$ , 21;  $\Phi B K$ , 14;  $\Sigma \Phi$ , 1;  $\Psi T$ , 22;  $\Delta \Delta X$ , 6;  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , 20;  $K K \Gamma$ , 4;  $K \Sigma$ , 1;  $\Delta T$ , 8;  $X \Phi$ , 2;  $\Phi \Delta \Phi$ , 5;  $K K K$ , 1;  $\Delta \Sigma \Phi$ , 1;  $\Phi \Delta$ , 1;  $Z \Psi$ , 8;  $Z \Phi$ , 2;  $\Delta T \Omega$ , 1;  $K A$ , 1;  $\Sigma A E$ , 1;  $\Delta \Gamma$ , 1;  $A \Gamma$ , 1;  $\Phi \Sigma K$ , 1. In addition to these, one registered from the Pomeranian Society of Bowdoin, and one old gentleman insisted on leaving his signature although he had entirely forgotten the "name of the society he belonged to while in college." Although several were members of two or more fraternities (?) but one registration was allowed.

The following night a union meeting of the fraternities was held at the Occidental Hotel, and it was decided to hold a banquet on Friday evening, July 20th, at the Maison Dorée. As the teachers' convention was of but one week's duration and had nearly come to a close when the register was opened, but a small proportion of the Greek-letter men who were actually in the city registered, and only a very small number found it possible to attend the banquet, though many were the regrets expressed. Hon. Chas. A. Sumner, ex-Congressman from California, presided, and the following Greeks were present: Dr. J. G. McDonald,  $Z \Psi$ , '80, Colby; H. M. Scales,  $\Delta T \Delta$ , '89, Univ. of South; W. G. Hay,  $\Sigma X$ , '89, Univ. of California; C. M. Walker,  $Z \Psi$ , '73, Bowdoin; Prof. F. O. Robinson, '73, Bowdoin; P. H. Collins,  $\Sigma X$ , '85,

DePauw ; A. T. Schroeder,  $\Sigma X$ , '85, Univ. of Wisconsin ; W. E. Rowlands,  $Z \Psi$ , '88, Univ. of California ; B. H. Charles, Jr.,  $B \Theta \Pi$ , '88 ; W. O. Morgan,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , '87, Univ. of California ; W. H. Earl,  $\Delta \Theta \Phi$ , '88, Wabash College, Ind ; Pope Taylor,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , '89, Vanderbilt Univ., Tenn. ; Dr. G. E. Davis, '71, Dartmouth ; J. H. Schutte,  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ , '89, Univ. of California ; J. J. Brown,  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ , '88, Univ. of California ; S. H. Jackson, '68, Dartmouth ; L. Curran Clarke, '76, Dartmouth ; H. H. Weigan,  $B \Theta \Pi$ , '85, Johns Hopkins ; W. H. Clemenshaw,  $\Delta K E$ , Troy, N. Y. ; W. D. Armes,  $B \Theta \Pi$ , '82, Univ. of California ; A. P. Niles,  $B \Theta \Pi$ , '82, Univ. of California ; R. T. Harding, Jr., '82, Univ. of California.

The following toasts were responded to. "Pan-Hellenism," Professor F. C. Robinson, '73, of Bowdoin, professor of chemistry and mineralogy ; "Greeks in College," C. M. Walker, '73, Bowdoin ; "The Graduate Greeks," Dr. Davis, '71, Dartmouth ; "Our Fair Friends," H. H. Weigan, '85, Johns Hopkins ; "Eastern Visitors," Dr. J. T. McDonald, '80, Colby ; "Barbarians," Pope Taylor, '89, Vanderbilt ; "The Faculty," L. L. Clarke, '76, Dartmouth ; "Fraternity Enthusiasm," A. T. Schroeder, '85, Wisconsin. A number of volunteer toasts and speeches were made, and college songs were interspersed during the evening.

Many affecting scenes were witnessed by those who made the Palace Hotel their rendezvous. Occasionally some old man, recognizing the name of a former classmate or college chum, would drop spectacles and cane, and with tears starting to his eyes, rush off to find him. Often one would register his name and turn to go away, when a familiar pin would greet his eyes, and under the hirsute accumulations of twenty years would behold the face of "the baby of the chapter." Bro. Schroeder can tell many stories how elderly females would enquire of him the whereabouts of "the ladies' free-lunch counters," but eye-witnesses assert that it was more frequently fair young maids than old ones that sought him to ask information of mythical friends and imaginary teachers. When the convention ended and the time came for the visiting Greeks to return to "God's country," as Bro. Schroeder is pleased to designate the home of the blizzard, it was unanimously agreed that the visit to California had been thoroughly enjoyed, and that not the least of all the pleasures was the Greek-letter register and the Pan-Hellenic banquet.

WM. G. HAY.

## A BALLADE OF LOVERS.

## DOUBLE REFRAIN.

In the greenest of meadows, by the bluest of brooks,  
 Surrounded by lambkins abnormally snowy,  
 Sit, masked by be-ribboned and garlanded crooks,  
 Strephon and Cloe.  
 While the half-whetted scythe and the overturned pail,  
 The blush on a cheek that is "brown as a berry,"  
 Betoken, as signs that were ne'er known to fail,  
 Robin and Mary.

From Claud-like scenes in romanticist books,  
 From songs like Lord Byron's conventional *Zoin*,  
 Peer out, with affected and simpering looks,  
 Strephon and Cloe.  
 While fresh from a Hardy or Blackmore tale,  
 A-singing a roundel of "Derry-Down-Derry,"  
 Come, breathing the odors of meadow and dale,  
 Robin and Mary.

We jeer at those creatures of tailors and cooks,  
 Sir Puppet of Padding and Dollikin Doughty,  
 Caught sheepishly courting in out o' the way nooks,  
 "Strephon and Cloe."  
 But when honest Young Manly woes Happy-Heart Hale,  
 As frank as they're fond, though affectionate very,  
 A murmur of plaudits will always prevail,  
 "Robin and Mary."

## ENVOY.

Prince, praise if you please those inanities showy,  
 Strephon and Cloe.  
 My choice of models is "quite the contr'ry,"  
 Robin and Mary.

MARION M. MILLER.

## Editorial.

### THE QUARTERLY.

THE academic year that closed last June, saw the first indications of an ebb tide in fraternity journalism. It was the first halting of that tidal wave of development that started five years before, and swept along with it the entire college fraternity system. In 1878 there were but four magazines published by the Greek-letter societies of our colleges, and these were comparatively weak and small. About five years later, however, the ban of secrecy began to be taken off their pages; they exchanged with each other and with the numerous rivals that had just been established; agitation began, and the magazines at once became the chief instrumentalities in the growth of the fraternities they represented. To-day over twenty American college fraternities publish official magazines, varying in character, size, style, quality and frequency of issue, the most marked division being into monthlies and quarterlies. These five years have witnessed a revolution. College presidents, trustees and professors, have become the public and pronounced advocates of the fraternities. The leading literary journals of the country have published elaborate articles all favorable to the Greek-letter societies. A single prominent institution retains its old position of negative hostility. The fraternities themselves have been broadened and elevated. The old *secrecy* remains only in name, having been replaced by a more sensible *privacy*. "Lifting," or the initiation by one fraternity of a man who is already a member of another, has almost, although not quite, disappeared.

"College politics" have been elevated above the methods of the ward trickster, and the fraternities have ceased seeking to control elections solely for personal profit. Preparatory students are no longer initiated in our western colleges. The bickerings of rival chapters have ceased, and enmity, jealousy and abuse, have given rise to Pan-Hellenism and a nobler rivalry. The fraternity ideal has become the college home, its object mutual helpfulness, social companionship, and the development of character. The societies have reached out after their alumni, and the alumni have interested themselves in the societies. Schemes of centralized government have been devised, tested and placed in successful operation, and there is scarcely a respectable college in the country that has not been captured and colonized by our modern "Greeks." And all of this has been accomplished mainly through the fraternity magazines—a new testimonial to the power of the journalistic

press. For five years their pages have been crowded with discussions of these many matters. To this list of subjects have been added the beauties of friendship, and reviews and criticisms of the contemporary press. While it lasted the magazines were lively and vivacious enough ; but the end came. Last year the "Greek Press" discovered that most of the projected reforms had been accomplished, that the "pleasures of friendship" had been worn thread-bare, and most of its material had been republished until it was trite. Nearly every magazine promptly confessed its dilemma, and cast about to find with what new material it would best fill its pages. Some of them abandoned the pronounced literary features, published very few extended articles, and devoted themselves mainly to newsy letters from their various chapters, and to comment on current events in their own and other societies. Others adopted a distinctive literary cast and published all manner of essays on any subject selected by the aspiring writer in their respective organizations. A few have been reluctant to become merely news-gatherers, or to flood the country with immature literary "swash," on subjects in no way especially appropriate to a *college fraternity* magazine. To this last class THE SIGMA CHI QUARTERLY belongs. Recognizing the demand for a *newspaper* devoted to the affairs of Sigma Chi, and especially to those internal affairs that are in no way matters of public concern, we decided to publish a monthly newspaper to be circulated under seal. *The Bulletin* was adopted, and has become one of our most popular and successful institutions. The magazine has become a quarterly, and has adopted a policy which is partially indicated in the present issue. It will be devoted, as heretofore, first of all, to the interests of the Sigma Chi Fraternity ; but it will be our endeavor to secure elaborate papers on subjects of general fraternity concern, and also to enlarge our scope so as to include articles that will be of special interest to all our members as "*college men*." In this endeavor we hope to secure the co-operation of our alumni members. Hereafter the QUARTERLY will be sent to every member whose correct address we have, and all are urgently invited to contribute to our pages anything that comes within the scope we have indicated. An Open Letter Department will be established in which to publish communications that are not long enough for regular articles. In these ways we hope to make our journal of interest and value to all our members, and the best fraternity magazine published in America.



## Review.

"WHY WAS IT?" By LEWIS BENJAMIN. Belford, Clarke & Co., Publishers : New York, San Francisco, and Chicago.

Amalie Rives is responsible for the multitude of indecent novels with which we are flooded. Following her example, we are everywhere presented with such highly colored word-painting of poor humanity's basest passions, with such keen dissections of the lowest impulses of human nature, that the generality of readers are repelled instead of attracted, and wonder why Comstock does not interfere to stop the sale of such obscene specimens of light literature. "Light!" It should be re-named "loose" literature.

From such revolting trash, one takes up a book like "Why Was It?" with the relief and pleasure that one turns from the sun-parched, fetid, foul-smelling city to the leafy shade of some deep forest and breathes the pure air of God's own giving, by the side of a cool, limpid stream. In the dedication to "Why Was It?" we draw a whiff of the purity of this oddly-named story,—a query, by the way, which the reader is left to answer for himself :

"To our Grandparents and Parents, the example of whose noble and beautiful lives, full of love, temperance and good works, is the fairest heritage they could leave their children ; whose prayers have seemed to fall upon us, a sweet benediction while we worked, we dedicate this, our first labor of love in a holy cause."

By "the first labor of love in a holy cause" is meant the advocacy of temperance, a theme so skillfully treated in the pleasant pages of this book that there is a great moral purpose to be read between the lines.

The literary style is as pure as that of Oliver Goldsmith, and some of the characters are so delineated as to recall the greatest work of that delicious writer, "The Vicar of Wakefield."

But let not the novel-reader who likes to read of stirring events, apprehend that because "Why Was It?" pictures simple scenes in simple words, that it is tame and uninteresting ; on the contrary, there are thrilling descriptions of war scenes, *vide* Chapter VI, which is one of the best and most natural descriptions of a battle. It makes one's blood course quickly, it is so natural and so graphic.

The author of "Why Was It?" is unknown in the field of American fiction, but whoever hand penned that chapter must himself have been a soldier. Read this, for example :

The column pushed on at a rapid rate. The echoes of the artillery-firing became more and more distinct, and as the day wore away, faint sounds of

musketry could be heard breaking on the air with pulsating beats like sobs. Officers and men, with flags flying, faces lit up with enthusiasm, and as if moved by one common will, pushed forward without flagging for an instant. The band played "The Star-spangled Banner." It was well on in the afternoon of that beautiful Sunday when Benton's regiment reached the banks of the river at Savannah, and there waited impatiently for steamers to take them to the battle-ground. Nelson's division had marched on, up the river, expecting to be ferried across at the battle-field. It was too late to attempt this, and these gallant men could only stand and wait and chafe, while the roar of the battle came terribly distinct, and every minute seemed an hour.

It was a splendid body of men, splendidly trained, that lined the banks of that river, swore at the delay, and in the same breath prayed for means to go to the rescue of their comrades struggling against overwhelming odds. These were the same men who afterwards stood, a wall of fire, under Thomas, at Stone River, and made the forest of Chickamauga blaze with the flames of their rifles as they stood, a cordon of steel and fire, between the Union army and utter ruin and defeat; the same men who swarmed up the heights of Missionary Ridge without orders, to signal victory; the same men who at Franklin and Nashville covered themselves with glory, and saved the Republic from irretrievable disaster. It was the young Army of the Cumberland, earnest and determined, waiting impatiently for the first great battle.

The sun went down, darkness settled upon shore and river, and the last rays of light fell upon the bayonets of the long lines of waiting troops. The horrible, throbbing beat of the artillery died out; the shuddering crash of the musketry was still; and only at intervals came the thundering boom of the heavy guns that were sending shells from the iron-clads into the Confederate lines. Still they waited. At last the steamers came, and it was quick work to crowd them, from hold to pilot-house, with these ready, eager, ardent men, each grasping his rifle and feeling as if the honor of the flag and the safety of the nation depended upon his individual efforts. Pitt Benton stood at the bow of boat, with Colonel Hawkins and Surgeon Turney; was the first man of the division to put his foot on the bank at Pittsburg Landing, and as he did so, stepped upon the prostrate form of a living man. The shore under the bluff was crowded, lined, jammed, literally paved with crouching fugitives from the Union army.

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Again :

The division batteries were unlimbered to the front, and began to fire. The infantry lay prone on the ground to the rear of the guns. Some distance back they could see the reserves; off to the left, in one of the open patches, was a Union battery being served under a terrible fire. The waiting infantry could see the shells bursting, and horses and men going down. Then a caisson exploded with a tremendous roar. Two guns were dismounted, and still Benton, who sat on a log in the rear of the line, could see through the smoke the few

men that were left serving the pieces. The officers themselves were at the guns. It was Terrell's battery making its gallant fight.

The enemy's lines could not be seen, and the positions of their batteries were only marked by the dense smoke rising through the trees ; but had the Union troops been blind they would have known where they were, for they answered the fire of Mendenhall's and Bartlett's batteries with a furious rain of shells. These shrieked over the line, burst in front of, and tore gaps in it. Now and then a shell ripped off a great overhanging branch, that fell crashing among the men. Benton was holding his horse by the bridle-rein when a piece of shell struck the poor animal in the side ; he gave one plunge and fell dead. Just then the enemy's artillery ceased firing, and a long, quivering sound rose through the forest in its rear. It was a wild, oscillating, indescribable sound, as if thousands of enraged animals were howling a death-wail. The Union troops began to rise on their elbows in the line and listen. It came distinctly over the roar of the Union guns, nearer and nearer. It was the Rebel yell.

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After the war, the story glides into the lives and fortunes of individuals, every one of whom is a picture from an original. Who could fail to recognize even in the lightly-touched sketch of Colonel Donbar, the editor of the "Sunday Scalp-em-all," the brilliant Donn Piatt, the editor of the Washington "Sunday Capital."

America has become famous for her humorists during the present generation, from Artemus Ward to Bill Nye ; nevertheless she has had, and has still, but one genuine wit, Donn Piatt, who may be called the American Sydney Smith. Here is a little description of that gifted and magnificent free lance in the field of literary tilting :

The Colonel was a man of many loveable traits, with a winning presence, and he could talk, with his sweet, persuasive voice, in a way that seldom failed to move the listener. As for his pen, it moved pretty much everybody that ran against its gall-dipping point, especially the machine politicians, treasury leeches, and congressional thieves and hangers-on. He was a prime favorite with the fair sex, as men of uncertain temper who wield sharp pens are apt to be, for women take great delight in the scalping process, so long as it is not applied to themselves. Mild and gentle in his manners, when he got hold of his pen and began on an unhappy victim, it dripped prussic acid. The result of all this was that the women flocked to his office with bouquets, and the men with clubs. The former he, with great complacency, took to himself, but the latter he distributed with marked generosity among his staff.

"Why Was It?" does not deal solely with the male element. The story is that of a loving and devoted wife leaving home and kindred to follow the fortunes of a husband who, although a splendid man, is brought to the depths of degradation by the curse of drink. His wife does indeed follow his fortunes to the bitter end.

The descriptions of the scenery and life in our grand, broad, free western land are among the most charming of those abounding in this beautiful book. Here, for instance, is a description of how our noble pioneers began their labors :

Father had selected a low-eaved, rambling cottage, built in days when wood was cheap, and brick and stone were costly. It stood, or rather crouched down, among the forest trees and a tangled mass of shrubbery, in a secluded spot, some distance from the traveled road. He cleared away the bushes, and planted trees along the way that had led from the house, and in time this way became a maple-shaded lane, over which the cool shadows fell on the hot summer days, and down which the snows of winter, that came sweeping up from the valleys, whirled and drifted. A great clump of cedars and pines darkened the sky before the door that led out on the porch. The lower branches of these father cut away, so that, through the openings, we could see the bare hills, and here and there the dairy barns and cottages that stood on their bleak sides.

A little post-town, with one long, straggling street lined with houses, that looked as if they had exhausted themselves in a vain effort to get away, lay a couple of miles off. \* \* \* \* It seemed a lonely place enough at first, but the violets and blue-bells blossomed in the early spring ; clinging vines ran over the old house and porch, and clothed it with a mass of green, purple and white, that gave it a cool, inviting look, when the long summer days came. When autumn was there, the golden-rod covered all the hill-sides with a glory of yellow flame ; while the reddening leaves of the scattered oaks and maples stood out against the sky in bold relief. When winter came it was bleak and desolate ; but the chilling cold without only made the contrast to the warmth and cheer within more striking. There, whatever the season, whether amid summer's sunshine or winter's cold and rain, the same air of gentle peace and quiet joy was ever present.

"Why Was It?" is a book that no woman into whose life has come the curse of a man's intemperance can read with undimmed eyes. It is a novel which mothers should give to their sons to read. It depicts strikingly the value of choosing well one's associates, and shows how strong is one man's influence for good or evil upon another of weaker and more pliable nature.

The villain who so subtly, steadily and secretly drags the husband down to his ruin may almost be likened to Iago, for his devilish characteristics, and diabolical success in his schemes.

We have not space to quote from those parts of the book especially interesting to the members of the Fraternity, but they will find the thread of society influence running all through the work. It was written partly by one of the founders of Sigma Chi, and many of the incidents come from the lives of other members.

## Chapter Letters.

### BETA—WOOSTER UNIVERSITY.

Beta has again nearly resumed her customary manner of life after the excitement consequent upon the recent election. This term has been a very successful one for Beta in every respect. We commenced the term with only six men, but have, up to date, succeeded in doubling our number, and intend to increase it by the addition of one more next week. We are proud to be able to introduce to the Sigma Chi world Bros. Frank E. Prestley, of Decatur, Ill.; Ed. M. Taylor, of St. Louis, Mo.; Howard E. Irish, of Wooster, Ohio; Ben. B. Nelson, of Hillsboro, Ohio; Willet P. Hughes, of Shickshinny, Penn., and William E. Henderson, of Wooster, Ohio.

Beta naturally feels quite jubilant over her success, and is now, as ever, recognized as the most energetic fraternity in college. Our method has been to pick out carefully the men we wanted, and then go after them with the determination of getting them, no matter what other fraternities were rushing them. So far we have initiated every man we have bidden, and have no defeats to record.

In the recent Pan Hellenic tennis tournament Sigma Chi scored another brilliant victory. Bros. Irish and J. Prestley were our representatives, and succeeded in winning three sets from each of the other fraternity teams, thus securing first place with a score of fifteen sets won, and none lost.

Socially we are, in our own estimation at least, equal to any and second to none. Bros. Burrowes and Prestley have each thrown open their elegant homes for the entertainment of the brothers and their ladies. We had a royal time on both occasions, and the ladies went away loud in their praises of Sigma Chi. In all the social gatherings of the city or college young people the wearers of the white cross are well represented. On the whole

Beta is in a very prosperous condition, with the brightest prospects for the remainder of the year.

### GAMMA—OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

Gamma would offer an apology for her failure in not sending the usual chapter letter to the last magazine. The editor elect, through an error of the mind, not of the heart, was under the impression that our next letter was not due until the present term.

Since Gamma began her career one college year has closed and a new one begun. We lost one man by graduation, Bro. C. G. Ballou, now pleasantly situated as Professor of Latin in the Toledo High School. Bro. R. L. Holland is temporarily absent, but will soon be with us again. And we have had two accessions, Bro. W. T. McKelvey, '91, and Bro. S. B. Queal, '92, the former of St. Clairville, the latter of Miamiville, Ohio, both good students and enthusiastic Sigs. We have one pledged man, of whom I shall make further mention in the future. We have some of the choice barbarians in immediate contemplation, but we are cautiously awaiting developments, and therefore have pledged no new men as yet. However, we feel confident that two or three good men will soon be added that will do grand work for the white cross of Sigma Chi.

Although few in number, our future outlook is promising, as our success has never yet been clouded by a single failure, so we still trust that we possess the elements that will grant to us as bright rewards in the near future as they have in the recent past.

### ZETA—WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY.

Washington and Lee opened this year with a larger number of students than

she has had for a great many years. The number of Freshmen is quite large, but the fraternity material is very limited. Zeta's only "goat," so far, is Bro. R. L. Peck, of Tennessee, who promises to be a good student and a very influential man in our university. Bro. Brown returned, looking very well after his many exploits during the summer, which are too numerous to narrate. Bro. Hilleary, whom we expected to return, did not show his beaming countenance on September 20, and has failed to let us know why he did not do so. Bro. Holt is practicing law in the West. Bro. John Lee has settled in Virginia to practice the same profession; both of them have our best wishes for success. Bro. R. E. Lee returned very much refreshed by the summer's vacation. Bro. Brown is still pitching on the university nine. Bro. R. E. Lee has been elected President of the Y. M. C. A., and also President of the Athletic Association. These are the only honors which have come into  $\Sigma X$  since the beginning of the new session.

As our chapter is small we rented, with the  $\Phi K \Psi$ 's, a very nice room in a building that has just been finished; so we are very nicely fixed. We have heard lately from Delta Delta, and Bro. Hooper, who is the Prætor of the Second Province. We were very glad to hear such good reports from them, and hope that we may hear the same from other chapters.

The sad death of Bro. Ludwig has thrown a cloud of gloom over Zeta. He came here last summer after the close of the Episcopal Theological Seminary, which he was attending; he was then very weak from the year's work and an attack of measles which he had during the winter. Instead of taking a rest, which he should have done, he took charge of Grace Memorial Church, as the rector had gone to Europe. The additional work was too much for him, so when he was taken sick his constitution was so run down he was unable to stand it. He died on the 28th of August, after a painful illness of about two weeks. There never has been a man in this University that was his equal in the testimony

given by the Faculty and students who knew him. The following are the resolutions passed upon his death by this chapter:

We, the members of the Zeta Chapter of the Sigma Chi Fraternity, having received the sad intelligence of the death, at Lexington, Va., of our worthy and beloved brother, William Charles Ludwig, recognize in our loss and bereavement the hand of an all wise and beneficent God.

WHEREAS, Our Heavenly Father has, in his infinite wisdom, seen fit to call from earth a highly esteemed and worthy member of this chapter; and,

WHEREAS, His long connection with this chapter as a faithful member and efficient officer demands that we record our appreciation of him; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That his fidelity and promptness as a member, his justice and impartiality as an officer, and his constant and earnest endeavors to promote the welfare of this chapter are worthy of our emulation, and will be held in grateful remembrance.

*Resolved*, That the death of such a brother causes a vacancy that we deeply realize, and a grievous loss to our fraternity and to the cause of Christianity.

*Resolved*, That the members of this chapter wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days, and that these resolutions be enrolled upon our minutes.

R. E. LEE, JR., } *Committee.*  
W. W. BROWN, }

## ETA—UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI.

Our school opened several weeks later this year than usual, owing to the yellow fever panic, which pervaded nearly all our Southern States. It is on this account that we have been backward in our correspondence and other duties. The number of students enrolled is not more than seventy-five per cent. of what it was last session, and most of the new students have entered the lowest classes.

Eta has secured four new men, viz.: Charles Joseph Gee, Charles Evans Catchings, Thomas Edwin Enochs, Elias Middleton Beasley, and these, with the members of last session, give us a membership of ten. Most of our men will take part in the contest for medals, honors, etc. Bro. Brougher, who was with us session before last, will return next session, for the purpose of completing his course in law. Bro. W. F. Posey is now attending school at Vanderbilt University. Bro. Malone, a graduate of '87, is getting a first-class practice of law in Memphis, Tenn. Bro. F. V. Holmes has completed his commercial course of learning, and

is now in good business in Memphis, Tenn.

The Board of Trustees of this University have ordered a new library to be built, which will be quite an improvement to our Alma-Mater. The Secretary of the Alumni Association of the University is now getting out a complete and correct history of the University, its officers, its alumni, etc. The latter portion of this volume will be devoted to the fraternities represented at this place.

We are glad to know that the Catalogue is so nearly completed, and we look forward with eager expectation to the time when it will be out. We are proud to know that most of our sister chapters have met with success this session, and hope it may be ever thus with them. Eta sends, with fraternal love, greetings to all Sigma Chi.

#### THETA—PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE.

Although this is the first letter of the year, and supposed to be replete with fraternity news, yet there is almost nothing to announce relative to Theta Chapter. The influx of new students was larger than ever before in the history of the institution; but there has been hardly any material to work on, and but comparatively few men have been initiated by the Greeks. Of the ten men we had last year four are missing: Rankin is traveling in Western Pennsylvania and Ohio; Wingert is skipping recitations at a school of pharmacy in Baltimore, Md.; Sangree is studying medicine in Philadelphia, and Wolf is in Carlisle, Pa., no doubt often in close communion with the boys of Omicron. We have taken in but one man this year, Allen Sangree, of Arendtsville, Pa., who was rushed by  $\Phi K \Psi$  up to the night he held his interview with "Our Goat Bill," and Frank Hersh, of Gettysburg, Pa. They are model fellows, and much will be expected of them when '89 comes in.

The  $\Lambda T \Omega$ 's,  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ 's and  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ 's have initiated several, but the  $\Phi K \Psi$ 's, our strongest rivals, still have the same number they began with in September. During

the last three years I have never known fraternity spirit to be so low; it is only very occasionally that there is a ripple of discord on the silent shores of Hellas.

But while it has been so quiet in the fraternity world of this college there has been plenty of noise and confusion in another sphere, where brothers were divided and rivals joined—some under the "stars and stripes" and some under the "bandanna." The platforms of the respective parties, the Mills Bill and the Senate Bill have been studied far better than Greek and Latin, and the advocates of protection and free trade have made things howl around this historic town. (By-the-by, let me state that Old Theta is *not* divided, we are all for Harrison and Morton). Political clubs were formed, and while the democrats gave vent to their enthusiasm in wind only, and a very poor quality of that, the republicans got uniforms and organized a marching battalion, of which Sigma Chi furnished the marshal and first lieutenant, and paraded the streets while the disciples of Grover looked on and boasted that they would take the money necessary to purchase uniforms and buy fireworks to celebrate the election of their standard bearer. But Harrison won, and now they are so sore they can hardly sit down. And the injunction is to "Toll the bell softly, there's crape on the door."

We had the pleasure of a grip from Bro. J. R. Hoagland, Theta, '69, who acted as our alternate at the last convention, and also from Bro. Augustus Creveling, Phi, '76. They were on a visit to the battle-field, and this occupied their time so completely that but little was seen of them during their limited visit.

The esteemed Vice-President of the College and Professor of Mathematics, L. H. Croll, Sc.D., has been granted a vacation, and will start for California on November 15, where he will spend the winter. The \$80,000 new building is going up fast, and will be under roof before Christmas. The contract for the Brua Memorial Chapel has been awarded, and this will be finished by September, 1889. All in all, this college seems on the

high road to increased prosperity, and in 1890 the student of 1885 will be scarcely able to recognize in the future Pennsylvania College the alma-mater whose halls he had left but five years before.

#### KAPPA—BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY.

At the opening of the term this fall the members of Kappa immediately made strenuous endeavors to supply the loss occasioned by the graduation of Bros. Reinhold and Pellman. Bro. Hargrave, who resides in Greensburg, Pa., did not let the interests of Kappa fade from his memory during the summer vacation. He induced Harry Null of Greensburg to return with him to Bucknell. Bro. Hargrave informed the Sigma Chi boys of the good fortune in store for the fraternity. Consequently the whole fraternity was at the station to meet Bros. Hargrave and Null. Mr. Null was so favorably impressed with the boys that he joined in a few days. Bro. Null is pleased and satisfied with the fraternity. Bro. Williams returned to school this year. That makes up the number necessary to fill the vacancy caused by the retiring of the two seniors. We then succeeded in taking Bros. Medus Davis and Charles Folmer into our mystic circle, thereby increasing our number to nine strong. We are now in shape to contend with any organization in college. We succeeded in running our ticket through at the various college elections.  $\Sigma X$  and  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$  united in a joint banquet, which was held in the Broadway House at Milton. One of the Sigs had the honor of being made master of ceremonies. Quite a number of toasts were given by the members of the two fraternities.

Kappa is in a very prosperous condition, better, in fact, than at any time since I have been in college. One great satisfaction is that the numerous college honors are now within our grasp. Playing the part of minority is a characteristic abhorrent to the Sigma Chi's nature. We still maintain our social prestige in town, and move in society more than any other body of men in college.

We were very much pleased to have Bros. Papson and McComas, of Dickinson College, with us for a few hours one day in the fore part of November. They came here for the purpose of aiding in instituting the Theta Nu Epsilon Sophomore Society. The charge here is composed entirely of members of the  $\Phi K \Psi$  fraternity. They wanted a number of Sigs to join with them in this new departure, but we, for good reasons, declined with thanks. We also had the pleasure of entertaining Bros. Baldwin and Swartz, who were here with the Dickinson Foot Ball Team. Bro. Pellman writes us from Chicago that he called on Bro. Fisher, and said that he found him a delightful fellow. Bro. Pellman has entered a bank in Aberdeen, Dakota. Bro. Reinhold is studying law at Mahony City. He was offered a position as city editor on the *Pottsville Miner's Journal*, but he decided to stick to law.

Bucknell has figured prominently in foot ball, having won several conquests. This is due, in a great measure, to the following Sigs who are on the team, viz.: J. O. Shipman, F. B. Hargrave, Charles DeWoody and Medus Davis. They were royally entertained by Alpha Rho at Lehigh during a recent game between the two universities.

#### LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF INDIANA.

It has been a jolly old year so far, and surely none who are here now will ever forget the various happenings which tend to make this year famous. Have we distinguished ourselves in the class-room? Well, hardly. We don't come here any more for that purpose—at least, not this year. We may some other year. Did you know that this was campaign year, and that Indiana was (I will not say is) a doubtful state? We are not all politicians by any means, but we are not forbidden to march and shout on that account. Expectation has risen high this term over the fact that the walk out from town toward college, and the brick walk inside of the college campus are likely to be completed soon. Think of it! We are



at last to realize the consummation of our hopes and prayers of the past three years. The deep mud on our walk toward college has made it quite the thing for the students to wear rubber boots with their pantaloons tucked in at the tops. But the walk is nearly completed, and perhaps, in the Spring, styles may change so as to allow one to appear on the street with polished shoes without being annoyed by the jeers of his fellow men.

Lambda opened up the year with ten old men. Only a few, though, out of that number had had any experience in fraternity spiking. But Lambda hasn't been sailing along ever since '68 for nothing, and already six fine new men are keeping company with us. Our last initiate, Frank C. Duncan, of this city (Bloomington), was put through the mill November 8. His father, Henry C. Duncan, is an old alumnus of this chapter, and was a candidate for Congressman at the last election, but was defeated by Geo. W. Cooper, his Democratic opponent, who is also an alumnus of Lambda chapter.

The girls of Kappa Alpha Theta held a most enjoyable reception at the home of one of their members, Hallow E'en night. Sigma Chi played no small part. We are always grateful to our lady friends for kindness shown us, and heartily appreciate the sincere interest which some of them have in our welfare.

#### MU—DENISON UNIVERSITY.

Two notable changes met our eyes on returning after the summer vacation. The old "Upper Sem." building was torn down and gone, and the beautiful new cottage, ready for occupancy, was awaiting the girls. It is, no doubt, an improvement, but the new one cannot, during the present generation of students, gain in our hearts the place of the old with its tender associations and sweet romances. The other change is the remodeling of Prex's house, which now presents a more modern and comfortable appearance. The college opened with about the same attendance of students this year as last. Prof. C. L. Herrick is resting from his college duties this year in the hope of

regaining his health, impaired, probably, by overwork. His place is supplied by Mr. W. G. Tight, last year instructor in the academy, his place in turn being taken by H. L. Jones. Prof. Colwell championed the free-trade cause in this district during the campaign, and won some reputation as "Denison's free-trade professor." He is, however, reconciled to the result of the election and loyally flings to the breeze the stars and stripes. The students here, too, have taken an active part in this campaign and have made the D. U. yell familiar to many who probably did not know there was such a thing.

At our first chapter meeting there were seven men to begin the year; three had graduated and two did not return. The testimony of the letter from D. U. to the *B & H* magazine, may have weight in this connection: "The Sigs are few in number but are not proportionately weak." Our small number has, indeed, far from being a drawback, proved an incentive to better endeavor. Each man has seen how, in great measure, upon him individually rests the welfare of the chapter, and we are accordingly united and enthusiastic in our fraternity work. We entered the field this fall only after careful consideration of the new material. We saw one man, who was entering the broad way that leadeth to *B & H*, but we turned in and convinced him of his error, and he cast in his lot with us. His name is Jas. Baldwin, and he graduated with honor last year at Colgate Academy. Another man whom we have taken into our circle, is K. B. Ringle, of Attica, O. We trust both these men will do us honor both in the college and in the community. We hope to have Bro. Stilwell, now our Prætor, with us again after the holidays; then we shall be ten.

As for our rivals,  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$  has initiated four men, and numbers in all fourteen, half of whom are in the Freshman class; *B & H* has initiated one man (whom we also bid "too late in the season"), and has thirteen members.

Last month we gave an informal reception in our hall to some of our more

immediate friends, and spent an evening enjoyable in every particular. We were glad to have with us on that occasion Bros. Joe Kerr and J. E. Amos of our alumni. Our chapter is represented in the various college organizations here, and while we do not make scholarship the criterion in judging fraternity men, our high standing in class work is conceded by all. Our Tribune is industrious and we hope that Bro. Dorner has received at last our letter.

We regret that Bro. Fisher has been obliged to relinquish the position as editor which he has so acceptably filled, but we can congratulate the fraternity upon securing the services of Bro. Chas. Alling, so enthusiastic a Sigma Chi and one so well fitted, as we believe, for the duties of the office.

#### OMICRON—DICKINSON COLLEGE.

"Time waits for no man." Thus we are reminded that we cannot delay any longer if we wish to be represented in this quarter's magazine. The fall of '88 finds "O" in a flourishing condition, and as she chooses to think, without a parallel in "Old Dickinson." We lost but one man, Bro. Hendricks, who was taking a partial course, and who this year continues his studies at the Reformed Episcopal Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. We gain, also, one whom we thought we had lost, Bro. Cloyd Lewis, it having been deemed wise by our Council of War to have him repair his physical condition by a few months sojourn at his native place, but Bro. Lewis, taking advantage of the privilege offered him, returned to the fostering arms of "Old Dickinson," and to the vacant chair in the "mystic circle."

We take pleasure in introducing to the fraternity at large Bros. Lewis D. Syester and Fred. W. McComas, both of Hagerstown, Md. They entered the Freshman class and both were contested for pretty strongly, but the tale is told by the one word above—"Bros." Though we lose four men next Spring by graduation, yet are we barricading the future by our active work at present.

As for Dickinson, she opens with a flourish, a Freshman class of thirty-six, and a few additions to the Sophomore and Junior classes. We have hopes of athletic grounds in the near future, and being possessed of a fine gymnasium, we dare not complain.

In closing, Omicron greets her sister chapters and wishes them godspeed.

#### TAU—ROANOKE COLLEGE.

The thirty-sixth session of Roanoke College opened September 12 under the most flattering prospects; but out of the one hundred and eight students then in attendance, only two were found to be wearers of the white cross. In a short time, however, our number was increased by the initiation of John T. Chalmers, of Pickensville, Alabama. Bro. Chalmers is a member of the Freshman class, and promises to be a valuable member of Tau. Before September had passed, our membership had increased to four, the latest acquisition to Sigdom being Walter E. Greenwood, of New Orleans, Louisiana. Although this is the smallest number that Tau has had for a number of years, still the boys are determined to "stick together," and remain united to the last.

Tau sends greetings to all her sister chapters, and heartily congratulates the delegates to the Seventeenth Biennial Convention on the successful and harmonious manner in which they discharged their duties. Tau has received through her delegate, Bro. Stuart L. Jones, a glowing description of the royal manner in which our Chicago brothers received him, and also of the harmonious and amicable settlement of all business matters.

The fraternities having chapters at this college have unusually large chapters this year,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  having 18, three of whom are initiates of this session;  $\Lambda \Gamma \Omega$  has 10, two of whom are new members; and  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$  has 9, two of whom are new members. So that  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  is the only fraternity in college which has succeeded in securing more new men than  $\Sigma X$ .

We wish for all the chapters of the

fraternity many brilliant recruits, and a session of unmixed success and prosperity.

### CHI—HANOVER COLLEGE.

Since the last issue of this magazine a great gloom has been cast over our chapter by the death of our loved brother, William Fillmore Middleton. He was the pride of our chapter, and one of those genial, light-hearted boys who fill such a large place in chapter life. His death was the saddest thing that ever happened in our institution, and all unite in mourning for his sad death. He was a member of the class of '90, and was a magnificent student. But his fraternity was his joy; if ever a society was loved by anyone he loved Sigma Chi. No student ever had more brilliant prospects for a happy and useful life. Words cannot express our sorrow—nothing can but our tears. He was laid to rest under a Sigma Chi badge woven of blue and gold flowers, the emblem of which he was a true and manly representative while among us. He lives and will live in the memories of all who loved him. The following resolutions were adopted, which but feebly express our grief.

SIGMA CHI HALL, October 3, 1898.

WHEREAS, It has pleased God, in His all-wise Providence, to take from us our much beloved brother, W. F. Middleton; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That we, the members of Chi Chapter of the Sigma Chi Fraternity, do tender our heartfelt sympathy to the family and relatives of the deceased in this their great affliction.

*Resolved*, That in his death the Sigma Chi Fraternity sustains an irreparable loss, and Chi Chapter has lost an honored and beloved member.

*Resolved*, That the hall of Chi be draped, and the members wear the badge of mourning for the usual period, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of our deceased brother, and be published in the college paper and THE SIGMA CHI QUARTERLY.

J. M. MCCLINTOCK,	} <i>Committee.</i>
E. H. PENCE,	
H. WIGGAM,	

Notwithstanding our severe loss, we have not been unmindful of our duty to the fraternity. We commend to the regard of all Sigma Chis Abram Sanford, of New Castle, Ky., and Ed. Wiggam, of Deputy, Ind., both of the Freshman Class. They are in every way worthy of our order. Our numbers have been further augmented by the return of Bros. McClint-

tock and Gatch, who have been absent from college for some time. In all, we number twelve men, exceeding, in this respect, any of the other four fraternities represented here. Bro. Charles Sanford has joined the ranks of Zeta Zeta, as stated in *The Bulletin*. Bro. James Byrns is at his home in Monterey, Ky., for the present.

Hanover College opens with an unusually large Freshman Class, though the fraternity material is not correspondingly numerous. Bro. R. H. Taylor—a Junior—has been chosen by the Senior Class to succeed our lamented Middleton as assistant to the editor-in-chief of *The Hanover Monthly*. Bro. E. H. Pence, in his original way, is doing effective work on the same staff.

### PSI—UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

For the last two years the University has had quite a boom, and the number of its students has increased from 800 to 410, a number greater than any that the University has had since the war. In all probability there is a series of very prosperous years in store for the University, for there seems to be new life and vigor pervading all departments of the institution. Among other improvements may be mentioned the introduction of the electric light into all the buildings and into the rooms of such students as desire it. In keeping with this progressive spirit our athletics have received quite an impetus from the engagement of a competent instructor in the gymnasium, who, we hope, will build up this department to a respectable if not to a high standard. The athletic games were held on the afternoons of the 12th and 18th of November, and were attended by a large crowd, among whom the number of carriages containing ladies was noteworthy. Although the records were none of the best, yet the games afforded a great deal of amusement, and were, on the whole, quite a success.

In the midst of all this activity Psi has not been idle. The first meeting of our chapter this session showed a small but not dispirited band of three brothers, all

who returned from the nine who composed the chapter last year. These were soon reinforced by Bro. Fenner, of Alpha Omicron, who was most heartily welcomed among us, and forms a very strong addition to our chapter. Shortly afterwards Bro. Julian Thornley, and later Bro. William Moody (the former of Charlottesville, Va., the latter of Petersburg, Va.), were initiated into our most holy order, and are now full devotees at the altar of St. Sigma. Bro. Moody is from Petersburg, whence many worthy Sigs of Psi Chapter have sprung, and he is well known to all of them. This makes us six in all, and the probabilities are that this will be our high-water mark for the rest of the session. But the old adage, "United we stand," applies very aptly to our crowd, which is so congenial that the spirit of "fraternity" has been cultivated among us to a degree hardly possible in a larger chapter. Indeed, some of the fraternities here have caused many wise heads to shake at the large number of their goats. We, however, hope to have a chapter next year strong in numbers as well as in quality, since a majority of us will return. Immediately after his initiation, Bro. Moody, in an excess of enthusiasm, invited us all to a banquet on the following Friday night. Toasts were the order of the evening, but the climax was reached when the "blue and gold" was proposed, to which Bro. Dunn responded in a neat speech, amid the "bravos!" of the whole chapter.

The fraternity feeling at the University is very strong, extending from the struggle for "goats" to the fight over the offices of the literary societies. This feeling culminates in the contests for the final presidents of the societies. The Greeks are an important element in this battle, about half of the college being represented among the fraternities. Of these,  $\Delta K E$  and  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  lead the list, with about twenty-one apiece, the other thirteen following them more or less closely.

Bro. Fenner has been delegated to secure information concerning the "defectives" of Psi, which we trust will be in time for the forthcoming Catalogue.

#### OMEGA—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

It is with a happy heart and a cheerful voice that Omega extends the first greeting of the college year to her sister chapters, and wishes them all a happy new school year. The reason for her good humor is that she has been very fortunate this year, and, as you might say, had all her wishes gratified. This year has been one complete victory for us, every thing we have attempted has succeeded, and every man given the privilege of being a Sig has accepted. With thirteen men in college and three pledged in preparatory, and our share of men in the contests, we are looking forward to a pleasant and profitable year. Never has the chapter had a better standing in college, or been on better terms with all, than at present; and there never existed a better relation between the members than now. The fact is, we are happy, and more enthusiastic than ever. The only thing that dampens our ardor, is that we lost seven men last Spring,—two by graduation; the others for various reasons. Bros. Cad-dock and Tourtellotte are now enrolled on our alumni list. Bro. Chas. L. Stevens, '89, was not able to return on account of sickness, and is now reported as convalescing from an attack of typhoid fever. Bro. Ned Andrews, '90, has left us to join the ranks of  $\Lambda \Theta$  and study electrical engineering. Bro. Roy Shuman, '90, is canvassing in Iowa but will be with us after the holidays. Bro. Harry Wakeman is taking select work in Lincoln University, but will rejoin his class next year. Bro. Lew Wallace will not return. Bro. Porter, of Alpha Iota, who is attending the Theological school here, drops in on us occasionally and attends some of our meetings. Bro. Chas. T. Watrous, '92, was elected for the third time as President of his class, having held that office twice in Preparatory.

Some little trouble has been occasioned here among the fraternities on account of the non admission of  $\Delta \chi$  to the Pan-Hellenic banquet. Last year, a very successful banquet was held, to which they were not admitted. This year they de-

manded admission and were refused, at which  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  withdrew. The consequence is that  $\Sigma X$ ,  $\Phi K \Psi$  and  $B \Theta \Pi$  will hold a Pan-Hellenic of their own. We lose one of our chapters here by the death of  $\Phi K \Sigma$ , which has only one man this year. It is understood that their charter has been returned.  $\Phi K \Sigma$  was at one time one of the strongest chapters at N.W. U., but of late years has been in bad condition. A chapter of  $\Gamma \Phi B$  has just been established here with a membership of ten or twelve. This year brings to our college 120 new students from whom a good many fraternity men have been selected. There are in process of erection a dormitory and a fine observatory, which is the gift of Hon. J. B. Hobbs, of Chicago. Class spirit is running quite high. The Sophomores and Freshmen have indulged in a cane rush in which the Freshmen came off victorious, winning by their overwhelming majority of numbers. They outnumbered the Sophomores 56 to 28. Nevertheless, the Freshy carries his stick with more pride than the Senior his plug. The Preparatory course has been increased to four years, and more requirements are made in the different courses for admission to college.

With our year and a half of experience we are impressed more favorably than ever with the Chapter House plan. We find it a benefit in more ways than one, and we are looking forward to the time when we can be permanently established in a house of our own. We have received many compliments from members of the Faculty on our management of the house; and at a meeting of the trustees, Dr. Cummings, our President, spoke very highly of us, and on the strength of his recommendation the trustees expressed themselves favorably toward the erection of chapter houses, which speaks well for us as ours is the only one ever established here. Those of us who were fortunate enough to be able to attend the Biennial Convention, at Chicago, were very well pleased with it and are unanimous in pronouncing it a success. One of the pleasantest features to us, was the occasion

granted of extending the hospitalities of the chapter house to the visiting brethren. To you all we say, come again; we are glad to see you at any time. Remember, this is not an Omega, but a Sigma Chi chapter house, and therefore you are welcome.

#### GAMMA GAMMA—RANDOLPH-MACON COLLEGE.

Our college session opened in October with quite a large attendance; old Randolph-Macon, on the whole, is on a boom, and claims now nearly two hundred students. Her numbers are daily augmented by the arrivals of *fish* from all sections.

However, when we glance over the throng that collect early in the morning, almost *en dishabille*, having jumped from bed as the chapel bell's first notes were heard, with, perhaps, a collar, one cuff and a boot, matched now and then, with a slipper, or a sockless foot, we miss the faces that were familiar of old, and involuntarily the question arises: "Where are they! Oh, where are they!" Some, we see, on glancing over our *Monthly*, have assumed the role of pedagogues; others have joined the Conference that recently convened in Norfolk, Virginia; and then, again, from other sources, we hear that some have assumed the responsibilities of matrimony. Among the last named few are to be classed two of the members of Gamma Gamma, who, however, for some years past, have not graced the halls of Sigma Chi. These we will mention again under the head of Personalia.

At the beginning of our session, Bro. Cannon paid us a flying visit, which, owing to the urgency of domestic affairs, was very short; nevertheless, we enjoyed his stay very much indeed. Next, we were favored with the sunny presence of our most worthy and highly prized brother, R. H. Bennett, who, not being burdened with the responsibilities attendant on connubial felicity, lingered with us longer, and only left for his home on Saturday last. We had forgotten to mention, but by no means through lack of appreciation, the visit of our most interesting and enterprising brother, Jos.

Kindred, preceded by that of Bro. S. Talbott, who, by his many noble qualities, has endeared himself to us, and whose abundant supply of wit made our halls echo with evidences of merriment during our last year's meetings.

During the past few weeks our attention has been drawn from the duties of college life and fixed on those things more interesting, and of much importance to all the rest of Virginia, the State Exposition, which closes next Wednesday. We have also been much occupied since Friday, the 16th, with the Y. M. C. A. convention, which was held here. Of course, the most stringent efforts were made to entertain the delegates from our different colleges, and to make each one feel at home. Among them we welcomed with Sigma Chi greetings, Bro. Joe Dunn, of Psi. His presence was especially enjoyed, and had it not been for the cause, we should have envied the Y. M. C. A. his zealous attention. His tales of Psi, and the adventures of his college life were very entertaining, and we hope that circumstances will permit us to be again favored with his presence.

But now as regards fraternity matters in particular. When we assembled at the beginning of our session, and began looking around to find if there were any among the new comers that would be worthy wearers of the white cross, we found the material, for the most part, to be of such nature as to be pronounced by us below the standard of Sigma Chi. However, we looked further than to the new comers, and decided that there was one among the students of last year, worthy in all respects to be welcomed among us as a brother, Mr. T. R. Freeman, of Virginia. Bro. Freeman now wears our colors, and will reflect credit on our chapter.

#### DELTA DELTA—PURDUE UNIVERSITY.

As a resultant of an unnecessarily prompt compliance to the magazine's request for chapter letters, the events of the greater part of the spring term with the commencement week exercises, were

not in the July number. The letter was written in March and only extended up to the latter part of that month, so that in preparing a chronicle of the events of last term I find myself engaged in ancient historical research. In April we enlarged our chapter by the gratifying addition of an active bar leader, James F. Hutchison, '89, a resident of Chicago and a royal good fellow. We had but one senior, Bro. J. S. Shortle, and he was accorded the honor of performing on the commencement programme. But two from each of the five departments of the college are permitted to serve on that gala occasion, and the fact that Bro. Sam was honored in that way was highly complimentary to both himself and the fraternity. On the night of June 2, we initiated Bert Sedgwick and Earl Eustace Stafford into our mystic brotherhood. Both are strong men, and we celebrated the addition to the chapter in a highly fitting way. Sigma Chi did herself proud on class day, and came off the field with honors great and lasting. And we had banquets just as all other colleges do. Literary, Alumni and Fraternity banquets, but of these three the last were the greatest.  $\Delta \Delta$  is greatly indebted to her lady friends for kindness and hospitality extended on several red-letter occasions last term. And '87-'88 drifted pleasantly off into the past, and flowers withered away in musty dormitory rooms, and friends breathed their farewells and plunged headlong into vacation.

School opened September 6 with a vastly increased roll of students, eleven of whom were Sigs, and five Kappa Sigmas. From the start,  $\Delta \Delta$  has been active in consideration of new men and has several in prospect. Thus far no one has been initiated. In the Carlyle Society five of our seven hold office, and in the Irving we have to content ourselves with its Vice Presidency. On September 29, a jolly Sig crowd fled the "madding crowd" and sought sweet nepenthe in the rustic solitude of Col. DeHart's summer resort, Tecumseh Trail. For an entire day, knickerbockered youth and comely maiden explored the historic trail of the

great Indian warriors of early colonial days, roaming over storied ground and studying history by contact. It was one of the pleasantest affairs in the annals of *A A*, the character of the surroundings greatly enhancing the enjoyment of the day.

On October 8, the young ladies of the Hall entertained Sigma Chi in a royal manner. Shortly after this occurrence, the regular term reception, given by the faculty, took place. Many new and novel features were introduced which made the affair especially pleasing. Then came Hallowe'en, but it was scarcely noticed, political enthusiasm having so completely vanquished the sanctified eve of St. Agnes. Miss Fannie Westfall, *K K T*, entertained the Sigs at her home in Montmorency in a delightful manner, but other than this, nothing occurred to perpetuate the memory of the night. At one time during the week, however, some restive student hired a brass band and paraded the campus in the stillly watches of the night, commemorating the event by transforming tranquil peace into a howling pandemonium.

Base ball spirit is in the ascendancy, Purdue now holding the State pennant. She defeated Wabash twice recently in games of exceedingly close scores, and as a result, the latter is sore and the former exultant. Bros. Herd and Dorner pitch and do field work, respectively, in the home nine.

The university has secured the detail of a U. S. officer and a member of the Swedish Royal Army, to take charge of the newly-organized military company. The presence of these two men has lent a stimulus to the project that has sent the membership from almost nothing up to over one hundred. Of this number, almost seventy-five belong to the infantry, twenty to the artillery, and sixteen to the drum and bugle corps. Uniforms of a neat pattern grace the organization; equipments of first-class character have been secured, so that we may expect the P. U. Military Cadets to assume a place as a powerful factor in Indiana drill corps.

During the campaign two political or-

ganizations were effected among the students, each representing their respective parties. The Republican Club numbered about one hundred and fifty, and was the subject of much admiration and favorable comment during its existence. The Old Roman Club numbered but one-third the membership of the other club, but had adopted very swell uniforms and had skilled themselves in military tactics, so as to produce a result highly gratifying to their personal vanity. The latter organization was one of the most notable features in Tippecanoe County politics, and gained the distinction of being accorded a private reception by Gov. Hill in the parlors of the Lake House.

Perhaps the most important matter at Purdue for the last four or five years, is the complication involving the university periodical. It arose from the issuing of a pamphlet last commencement, which purported to be a special edition of the real college paper. The bogus Purdue was gotten out by four members of the class of '89, to redress the indignities their class was subjected to by the seniors in their literary class day exercises. It was elaborate to a high degree, and was made distinctly conspicuous by a unique and suggestive design for the cover. Copies were given the faculty, students, and many people interested in the university in all parts of the country. The character of the reading matter was eminently proper, in that any one could read it with perfect propriety, but the faculty took exceptions to the mode employed in avenging their wrongs. Consequently the four men, who were members of the regular Purdue staff, were unceremoniously deposed from their positions by the divine power of faculty supremacy. The various societies which the four juniors represented naturally resented the usurpation of authority and refused to resign to the faculty's decree. By virtue of the constitution adopted by faculty and students, the former were found to have overstepped the bounds restricting them. Numerous faculty meetings were held and star chamber consultations were freely indulged in, until the affair grew

to be one which threatened seriously the existence of the paper as well as the subordination of the students. At present *The Purdue* is virtually dead, with indications that neither the faculty nor students will change their attitude. It is to be hoped that, for the good of the university, the periodical will be successfully revived, and the hostile relations amicably adjusted, so that its prosperous condition ever since Bro. Eldridge first founded it may be restored.

$\Delta \Delta$  is sorry the provincial convention did not occur here last year as per arrangement, but thinks that conflicting circumstances justified their inactivity in the matter. One of the  $\Delta \Delta$  boys has undertaken the compilation of a *Purdue Song Book*, and expects to issue, with the assistance of the goodly array of poetical genius among the Alumni, a collection that may be both creditable to the university and fraternity.

In prospectus is the Carlyle Moot Trial, one of the affairs of Purdue, which occurs November 16. Bro. McCutcheon presides as judge this term, and of the four attorneys, Bros. Hutchison, Pifer and Rainey represent  $\Sigma X$ . Later in the present term, the open meetings of the four literary societies take place, and in two Delta Delta will be honored as performers. We hope to hear from the other chapters soon, for Bro. Dorner has introduced an innovation by writing all the chapter letters early in the term.

#### DELTA CHI—WABASH COLLEGE.

Delta Chi is still on deck. After all the hard knocks she has had and the tight financial pinches she has been in, she has managed to keep a string fastened to her members, and we are here again. One man, J. W. Porter, of Ft. Scott, Kas., has been found worthy, has stood the tests, and now makes the walls of Delta Chi hall shake with his deep bass voice, coming as it does from somewhere down in the cellarage. We sadly regret the loss of one of our jolliest boys, but he withstood all our persuasion, and has departed for the wild and naughty West to make his fortune. We hope that he will,

and that he will not forget us in the days of his prosperity.

We have taken quite a run on music lately, and our hall resembles a full-fledged music store. We put in a Gabler piano a few weeks ago, for which our affection suggested the nick-name of "Baby," while scattered about the room may be seen cornets, guitars, a banjo, a violin, with a goodly supply of harps and music. We also boast of quite a number of good voices and especially a quartette, the better than which we defy any society in the college to produce.

At present the college literary societies are at a fever heat over the approaching election of representatives for our 22d of February contest debate, and all fraternity spirit is displayed in struggling to secure the most advantageous result. Sigma Chi is holding her own in the fight and is bound to come off with her share and probably more. We plead the accusation that we are hogs and want the earth with a little wire fence around it.

#### ZETA ZETA—CENTRE COLLEGE.

Vacation is over. September, with foliage so beautiful on Indian Summer evenings, finds Kentucky Sigma Chis gathering to their accustomed places in the regions of historic Danville—now filled with church steeples and schoolboy yells. Slowly gather the stately Senior and trembling Freshman on those well-known white steps—then it is we may have been seen scanning the faces of new comers—about the accustomed business of this season. Zeta Zeta had her reins well in hand and her machinery was working to perfection. Not a moon had elapsed till a victim was announced ready for sacrifice. The grand old commonwealth of Kentucky has seen fit to place her handsome buildings for the education of the deaf and dumb in this little city. Moreover, Bro. Aug. Rogers holds an important position in same. Our new hall not being finished, Bro. Rogers kindly offered the use of his rooms in the Institution building. Not many days had come and gone before we



found we could use his generous offer, and we might have been seen wending our way in utter darkness down a back street with an unoffending Fresh in our charge. The buildings were deserted and the night was ours. Ominous echoes answered our first foot-falls on the hard cruel floors of that endless corridor, nor did the impenetrable gloom and hoots of the lonely owl bring much cheer to the trembling breast of Bro. Keller. Winding stairs, innumerable rooms, waterfalls, bath rooms, and wonderful museums of dead and living wonders were explored and explained. After our long increasing thirst for blood had been appeased we parted, and no man was the wiser for several days. After a time we again used the rooms of Bro. Rogers for an initiation, on a less elaborate scale. The next initiation found us in our new hall, where we have shown three more the mysteries of Sigma Chi. Our number was further increased by the addition of Bro. Sanford, of Chi, and at this writing our chapter numbers twelve active members including Bro. Godsey who, I am sorry to say, has been sorely afflicted for over a month, and we shall have to lose him till he can fully recover. Bro. Godsey's loss will not be felt by us alone, as he was the favorite candidate for the State Oratorical meeting, and we expected him to hold up old Centre's reputation and carry off the honors as did our representative last year.

Zeta Zeta sends her sympathy to all Sigs who have bereavements on account of the late (and may we add our opinion, badly decided) presidential contest. We know what it is to suffer just by looking at the woe-begone countenance of one of our well-known members, who believed that Grover would come out an easy victor on the presidential race-course because of his wonderful back-bone, but Mr. Harrison had more Tippecanoe blood in him than Grover and the genial Givens is left to mourn. Otherwise we are progressing nicely and Sigma Chi is head and neck ahead of every thing on the track here, and if nothing happens we intend to stay that way.

## ZETA PSI—UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI.

Zeta Psi Chapter opened the academic year with nine members. All the members are enthusiastic and the prospects for a successful year are very good. Mr. Frank W. Stevenson was initiated on October 27 in the presence of the full membership of the chapter. The initiation was strictly according to ritual, and was rendered very impressively by the brothers having it in charge. Bro. Stevenson is of the Freshman Class, which though quite large does not abound in good Sig material. The chapter has been agitating the question of an alumni chapter among the resident Sigs. The idea seems to take, and the prospects are that before long Cincinnati will have an active, energetic alumni chapter. In the case of the organization of such a chapter,  $Z \Psi$  will unite with it in securing rooms in the central part of the city, which may be used as Sigma Chi club-rooms.

The Hour Glass Club, a local secret society run as an annex to  $B \Theta \Pi$ , has begun a campaign of dirty work. They circulated reports as to the disreputable character of the members of the chapter and its corrupting influences, and these coming to the ears of the parents of one of our candidates, he was forbidden to join such a "tough" organization. He was afterwards approached by them, and it appears as if he was about to enter their organization. If the man is of that character, the chapter may congratulate itself on its narrow escape.

We have about completed plans to gain control of the college paper, *The McMicken Review*, the election of officers for which takes place November 8. Each member of the chapter has been supplied with three shares (the limit) of the stock of the McMicken Publishing Company, the student's stock company, by whom the paper is published. At present the indications are that the  $\Sigma X$  slate will go through with a whirl.

We have ordered  $\Sigma X$  song books, and expect soon to be able to make the halls of the university resound to the music of grand old  $\Sigma X$ .

Bro. Langdale, who was graduated last June, is studying theology in Chicago. Bro. Bauer, who was graduated at the same time, is now connected with the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey. Bro. Hammond is studying at Heidelberg, Germany.

The chapter is in a very good financial condition, and looks forward to a year of unprecedented success.

#### THETA THETA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

At the opening of the University on the first of October, there were six of Theta Theta's old men back, and we found a small host of Sigs from other chapters in the various departments. Bro. B. J. Boutwell, one of the charter members of the old Alpha Kappa, entered the Senior Law class and became an active member of the chapter. Bro. James O. Ballard, a charter member of Alpha Gamma, is in the Medical Department and also an active member of Theta Theta. Besides these Bro. Scott, of Lambda, Bro. Davidson, of Delta Delta, Bro. Hagle, of Alpha Pi and Bro. Wilbur, of Alpha Kappa, are in the U. of M., and very often meet with us.

This year we thought it best to initiate only members of the Law Department and to get no men in the Literary Department. The very gratifying success that we have met with seems to demonstrate the wisdom of our course. Very soon after coming together, we initiated three men in one evening: Abraham Benedict, of Rochester, N. Y., a Senior Law; Leonard G. Cox, of Lexington, Ky., and George B. Shattuck, of Chicago, both of the Junior Law class. A few weeks later, Pursey A. Walling became one of us.

Our only rival in the Department is the legal fraternity of  $\Phi \Delta \Phi$ , and over their chapter our victory has been complete. We have not received a negative answer to a single proposition we have made so far, and the men we have taken are such as the White Cross truly becomes.

Bros. Ireland and Vermilion visited the Grand Tribune recently, and heard the latest fraternity and catalogue gossip.

#### ALPHA BETA—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

The present college year has commenced most auspiciously for the California Sigs, and Alpha Beta strides abreast of the oldest chapters here in matters of strength, as she has always towered head and shoulders above them as regards quality. From the present Freshman Class we have secured four men, which we have found by experience to be about the right number to take from a class. We prefer fewer numbers and close union to a large crowd and diluted friendship—the state of affairs some of our rivals enjoy. Indeed, some of the most forward of them, the Pie Biters in particular, were so scorched last year in their unholy greed that they have to “lay off” now. The latter initiated six men, then in one week, whereas they have taken in but two during the two months of this year.

Our four initiates are George Hooper, of Berkeley; Ed. Haas, of Stockton, Cal.; Ben Brundage, of Bakersfield, Cal., and Will Wright, of San Francisco. They are all of the right sort of stuff and promise well. The boldness of our methods in securing men has elicited admiration from even the Pie Biters, who have always professed the ability to show their rivals “a thing or two” in the matter of rushing. Bro. Brundage was pledged in a Beta's home, where he was boarding. As for Bro. Haas, we visited him *en masse* at his home, a hundred miles away, during vacation, decided upon him and departed, leaving Bro. Townsend with him for a few days to cement the friendship. When he came to Berkeley to commence work we domiciled him at our club house for a few weeks while we completed our investigation, displaying him meanwhile under the envious eyes of our rivals.

Since the publication of the last number of the magazine the University of California has appeared under a new regime. During the summer President-elect Davis visited the principal eastern colleges, and familiarized himself with their methods before entering upon his

duties at Berkeley. He has thrown his soul into the work, and created a very favorable impression; and he has, above all, won the honest regard of the boys. One of his pet schemes is to establish the dormitory system as a means of enhancing college enthusiasm. That his efforts to increase the popularity of the University are appreciated is attested by the unusual size of the Freshman Class. It numbers one hundred and forty, exclusive of the professional colleges, which are located in San Francisco.

#### ALPHA GAMMA—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

Alpha Gamma respectfully bows and begs leave to inform Sigdom that she has entered on a new year with bright prospects. At the beginning of the term Bros. Hall, Gale, Jennings, Crawford, Potter, Hancock and Roy returned. Bros. McCollough and Norris have taken a year's vacation, and will be with us next year. Bro. Oviatt has entered the mercantile arena, and will doubtless soon gain an honorable place in Bradstreet's reports. We have lost five of our best men, seniors. Bro. Howard Thompson is the Washington correspondent of the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*. Bro. Aldrich is the principal of the public schools at Ulysses, Neb., and our noble heavy weight, Bro. Hedges, is selling self binders and reapers in the wilds of the Black Hills, Dakota. His address is Andover. Bro. Crawford was taken sick in October and went home, and Bro. Jennings was offered a good place with an engineering corps and accepted. These losses reduced our number to five. We carefully examined the new Freshman Class and initiated two men, bright young fellows from the ranks of '92, so that we may still sing with the English girl,

"Nay, master, we are seven."

Will Brown and Russell Kilbourne are the new Sigma Chis.

As regards honors, we have Captain Potter and Lieutenant Gale in the battalion. In the literary societies, Bro. Roy is anniversary essayist for Horton,

and is also Sophomore orator on the contest. Bro. Potter is on the Tennis Team, and is manager of the College Base Ball Nine. We have about half a dozen pledged men in the preparatory classes, and we modestly claim that we are equal to any fraternity in college.

The University has waded out of the woods of mismanagement, has wiped the mud of hatred and neglect from its feet, and now, young, manly and strong, it stands on the solid ground of prosperity. There are about four hundred students this term, a gain of fifty over last year. This increase in numbers is mainly owing to the reputation which the school is gradually acquiring. Its future is bright.

Although we miss the fiery eloquence of Aldrich, the stern good sense of Hedges, and the statesman like qualities of Thompson, and the combination of all these in Oviatt; still we are not cast down, but are earnestly endeavoring to raise Alpha Gamma Chapter up to her former plane of excellence.

A "female fraternity," Kappa Kappa Gamma, has granted a charter to seven enthusiastic young ladies in the University. They have since initiated three more. We wish Nu Chapter success.

#### ALPHA DELTA—STEVENS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.

We have at Stevens an Engineering Society composed of Junior and Senior members of the school. It has been growing rapidly since its organization two years ago, and has been recognized by our professors as one effort of importance in the direction of the self-education of our students. One of our chapter members is the president of this society, and another read last week an excellent paper on the grinding of spectra.

Last month, two of our members visited Lehigh University and were very kindly entertained by the Sigma Chis there. They attended the initiation of several new members, helped applaud a good game of football in which there were many Sigs, and came home much pleased with their visit. A few weeks later, we received a short return visit from two of

Lehigh's boys. This week, on Saturday, we expect to find several brothers in the football team visiting us from the M. I. T., of Boston.

There has been an earnest effort here on the part of some members of both factions to unite the Bolt and Eccentric Annuals, but after several stormy meetings, in which it could not be agreed to adopt a new name, the matter fell through and consequently we hope to send out another Bolt, which, although it will not contain the talent of the whole college, we shall hope to continue on its present good level.

#### ALPHA EPSILON—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

Fraternity interest in the University of Nebraska seems to have taken a fresh impetus since the beginning of the present school year. Two new "frats" have been established: the Beta Theta Pi and the Delta Gamma, and now we have six fraternities with which to contend against the "barbs." Alpha Epsilon began with six old members and has since initiated two, our last a bright and brilliant '91, and a son of Senator Peters. The institution of the two new "frats," has taken the backbone from the "barb" element. Caucuses and indignation meetings are the order of the day among them, and before the close of this school year we will be able to congratulate ourselves upon the institution of two more "frats."

The Sigs are particularly jubilant over the election of Bro. Meiklejohn, Theta Theta, to the Lieutenant-Governorship of Nebraska, and from the fact that we will have him with us during the winter. We have remodeled our halls, and the most pleasant addition is a beautiful new Steinway piano, which, accompanied by Bro. Mockett's flute, Ansley's guitar and Mallalieu's cornet, makes music, than which there is none more *discordant*. Our "Grant Memorial Hall" is at last completed and will be opened with a "military ball" on November 27, complimentary to our new "Lieutenant."

Our Science Hall, costing \$60,000, is rapidly nearing completion, and ere long the demands for a higher education in

this state will be supplied. It is with no feeling of regret that we announce the retirement, by act of our Regents, of our old chancellor; and Prof. Bessy is acting in that capacity, greatly to the satisfaction of the students. Everything is in a flourishing condition and the election suits Alpha Epsilon to a man.

#### ALPHA ZETA—BELOIT COLLEGE.

Alpha Zeta began the year with eleven men, having lost two members by graduation, Bros. J. V. Norcross and C. F. Page. We have initiated three freshmen, Messrs. R. P. Eckart, of Oak Park, Ill.; and J. G. Dudley and A. L. Chute, of Eau Claire, Wis. These gentlemen we take great pleasure in introducing to the Sigma Chi world. That they will ever prove "true and loyal," etc., we pledge our honor.

The Sigs at Beloit have always had the reputation of being a jolly crowd—the adjective being used in its truest sense—and during the present term we have done much to add to that reputation. On the evening of September 22 we gave a grand banquet to our new brethren at the private rooms of the leading local caterer. It was the most *cherche* affair that any Beloit frat ever indulged in. It was complete—from oysters down to black coffee. Daintily printed *menu* cards heightened the effect. On October 6 we went on a nutting excursion to the home of Bro. Page, '88, about twenty miles north of Beloit. We took cars to Janesville, thence *via* four-in-hand wagonette. We gathered about three bushels of fine hickory nuts, and paralyzed a dinner fit for a king. How Alpha Zeta generally and individually did gorge herself. As usual in our gastronomic struggles, Bro. Ingersoll, '89, "took the heat," while Bros. Martin and Helm "tied for second place" with Bros. Eckart and Matheson, "crowding the leaders on the turn." On the way back to Janesville Bro. Helm grew obstreperous, and was partially disrobed and cast out into the highway to perish. However, after making a holy show of himself, he succeeded, after a hard run, in catching up with us, and was allowed to

enter the wagonette on condition of good behavior. At Janesville we were entertained in a royal style at the home of Bro. Cunningham. Here another sumptuous repast was disposed of, and, after an evening delightfully spent, we returned home—by the stock freight.

Beloit College is progressing in the even tenor of its way. Twenty thousand dollars was recently added to the endowment fund by the estate of Mr. John Knapp, deceased, one of the pioneers of Wisconsin, and father of Bro. W. A. Knapp, founder of this prosperous chapter. A new academy building is soon to be erected. We are informed that our college president is not a firm believer in fraternities, and has this year urged several freshmen to keep out of them. We do not think, though, that he intends to take any decided stand against the fraternities.

Alpha Zeta, as always, has her full share of college honors and distinctions. Our rivals are in a fair condition, *B & H* having nine and *Φ K Ψ* six. Our relations with both are most pleasant.

*Sigs en route* will always find our latch string out.

#### ALPHA THETA—MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.

Alpha Theta starts the year with a great rush. We have given up our old rooms and taken a large suite where we all room together. In this place of fancy real estate and enormous rents, our present arrangement is as near a chapter house as we can expect to attain for some time at least.

Brother Jarecki has been entertaining us with vivid fancy tales of the Convention, and he and Bro. Germer have been expending a small mint in furnishing our swellest room. The front windows are adorned with sash curtains which are visible for miles, and as we are on the ground floor Sigma Chi now speaks for herself.

Up to date we have initiated but two men, Bro. Kales and Bro. Cromwell, but we still have left a Freshman Class of over three hundred to pick from; our whole number is now thirteen. The men

who graduated last spring are every one of them hard at work in different good positions, Bro. Herrick being here in Boston and living at the rooms.

Alpha Theta is, as usual, well represented on the Tech. Eleven, and though our hope of winning the championship this year seems dull, we are sure of having a couple of colleges behind us at the end of the race.

The rooms of which we are so proud are at the Hotel Clifton. Western Sigs, come and see us!

#### ALPHA IOTA—ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

Again the time has come when it is necessary to report, in a chapter letter, the general condition of Alpha Iota; I may add, we have a good report to make. This fall things started in rather unfavorably for the chapter, owing to the fact that a large number had graduated the previous year, and some of the other leading members of last year had either stayed away or gone to other colleges; however, we have got a good start at last, and stand an excellent chance of being the leading frat here, as we were, beyond the shadow of a doubt, last year, and as we hope and expect to be in the future.

The last night of last college year we signalized by a grand banquet and blow-out, several of our alumni members as well as a number of our undergraduates being present, and as it was the first affair of its kind we had had for two years, an exceedingly pleasant time was spent in the banqueting hall.

We have initiated one man this year, Bro. Wm. Clardy, of Greenfield, Ill., who bids fair to become a strong man in the fraternity. The fact is, all of our men at present are in the college department, and the most of them pretty well advanced. It is therefore somewhat to our detriment not to have any members in the preparatory department, to size up the new men as they enter the University. However, we hope soon to have several men among the lower classes.

Last spring term we bade a sad farewell to four of our members, who graduated

in a class of eight; they are now widely separated. Bro. Kirkpatrick is now pastor of the new First M. E. Church of Fort Worth, Texas; Bro. Campbell presides in the pulpit of the M. E. Church of Hastings, Neb.; Bro. Collins, who probably did as much for the chapter during the last four years as any member since it was organized, is principal of the public schools of Auburn, Ill.; Bro. Keeslar, a graduate of the law department, has located in Danville, Ill., with an excellent practice for the length of time he has had his shingle displayed, and the prevalent opinion there is that he has a brilliant future in store for him.

Our college has improved very much this year. We have a new president in the person of Rev. Dr. Wilder, an alumnus of this institution. Thus far he is generally liked, and has shown much ability in the advancement of the college. We also have a new professor in the scientific department, Prof. Graham, a post-graduate of Johns Hopkins University. Governor-elect Private Joe Fifer, we are proud to state, is an alumnus of this University.

Almost all the members of the chapter have joined a gymnasium in the city, and are developing their muscles to a remarkable extent, and if they keep on in the work will be the leading athletes and gymnasts of the school. In short, we are in a general flourishing condition and intend, to our utmost ability, to keep old Alpha Iota booming.

#### ALPHA LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

The college year opened most auspiciously for the University of Wisconsin and for Alpha Lambda. Over two hundred and fifty new students entered the several departments of the University, swelling the total number to six hundred and fifty, the most the University ever had at one time. Several changes were made in the faculty; Lieut. Ransom, of the U. S. Navy, was detailed as Professor of Engineering; Lieut. Cole, of the U. S. Army, succeeded Col. Lomia as Commandant of the U. S. Battalion; Prof.

Van Hise succeeded Prof. Irving, who died last Spring on the U. S. Geological Survey; Prof. Jastrow fills the chair of Experimental and Comparative Psychology. As usual, the class of '91 tried to haze several Freshmen, but did not succeed very well. A series of base-ball games between the classes occupied most of the fall, and resulted in the success of '91, which lost but one game out of six played. Great trouble and disturbance grew out of the appointment of officers in the battalion by the new commandant. This row is now ended, neither Col. Cole nor the ill-treated officers obtaining any decided advantage. It only made Col. Cole very unpopular, and the battalion a badly demoralized body.

Alpha Lambda started out better than ever before with thirteen men. Bro. Lewis, U. W. '84, entered the Law School; Bro. Tyrrell, of A Z, also entered the Law School; Bro. Schroeder, after six months wanderings in the Great West, turned up in the U. W. Law School immediately after the convention. We initiated three of the class of '92 in one evening: Bros. Fred Sheldon, of Janesville, Wis.; Harry Morgan, of Madison, Wis.; and Ned Dexter, of Milwaukee, Wis. Bro. Morgan is the only town boy that any Greeks desired, but by good work last Spring, A A succeeded in getting him. Bro. Sheldon was pledged to us last year, but left college on account of sickness. We have three other Freshmen pledged, one of whom, Homer Sylvester, of Mineral Point, we expect to initiate next Monday night (Nov. 19). Two are kept out by unwilling parents until next term. We lost one man this year, but have gained enough victories to more than balance our loss. A A moved into much nicer rooms early in the term, which have been newly furnished, so we feel quite elated. We have also racked our brains for new devices in initiation, which we desire to make very severe. If any Sigs have any new devices, we shall be delighted to hear from them on the subject. As yet, A A has not given any parties, but hopes to soon.

Our brother Greeks are all thriving,

with the possible exception of  $\Delta T \Delta$  about which little is known.  $B \Theta \Pi$  and  $\Phi K \Psi$  have new chapter houses, and  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  a new hall. All have done well in initiates:  $B \Theta \Pi$  has one Junior and two Freshmen;  $\Phi K \Psi$ , five Freshmen;  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , one Junior, two Sophomores and three Freshmen;  $X \Psi$ , four Freshmen.

$A \Lambda$  sends her best wishes to all her sister chapters and will try to give all visitors a royal good time, so be sure you become visitors soon.

#### ALPHA XI—KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY.

Kansas State University began the year with the most flattering outlook. She has a larger Freshman class than ever before. Our Faculty is the same, with the exception of Professors Williams (Prof. of Didactics) and Aldrich (Prof. of Vocal Music), who handed in their resignations; the first on account of old age, and the second, poor health. Prof. Sterling has returned from a year's study at Johns Hopkins, Baltimore, Md. We can all see the vast improvement that he has made. Prof. Templin, assistant in Mathematics, left last May for the University of Berlin, Germany. He was succeeded by Miss Miller, daughter of the Prof. of Mathematics. The scientific pupils of the K. S. U., took the most prominent parts at the meeting of the State Academy of Science, which met at Topeka recently. Our scientific department is enlarging so fast that it is expected that the Legislature, at its next meeting, will make an appropriation of \$40,000 for the erection of a Physics building. Also \$25,000 for the purchase of additional works for the library. The campus and buildings are lighted by electric lights, furnished by the electrical engineering department. These lights are said to excel in brilliancy and power the city arc lights. The students are now debating the advisability of purchasing or petitioning for a gymnasium. Our literary societies are flourishing as never before. They meet on Friday nights in the lecture rooms, a privilege which has never be-

fore been granted them. We are trying to form a State College B. B. League. K. S. U. has the best college team in the state. Bro. Voorhis, '91, is captain. He is said to be the best second base-man in Kansas. College politics has been the point in question for the past two months. The general sentiment is Republican. K. S. U. Republican Club made quite a showing in the parade of November 5. Bro. Street, of '90, was one of its most active members, and held the position of Secretary. K. S. U. Lawn Tennis Club belongs to South-west Tennis League.

On October 1 we gave our first party; or rather, our first party was given us by Mrs. Bowersock, who has taken the name of mother to Alpha Xi chapter. Two members whom we were rushing were present on this occasion, and we now take pleasure in introducing these gentlemen—I. V. Hardy, Belleville, Class of '90 and Hiram Adams, Ottawa, Class of '90—to the Greek world, and commend them to the fellowship of  $\Sigma X$ . We began the year with nine members, Bros. Cunkle, Wally, Roberts, Root and F. Bowersock graduating last year in their different courses. Britton, of '89, will not return this year having accepted a lucrative position. Kroh, of '91, will not return to school, having shared the same fate (?)

Sigma Chi now has two fights on her hands. The first against the Phi Gammas and Phi Psis in the Oratorical Association and the second against the same Frats, in the college paper. We, co-operating with the Betas, Phi Deltas and the Barbs have started a new University paper which, we think, will fill the long felt want. Bro. Street, of '90, is one of the business managers and Bro. Smith, of '93, an associate editor. Bro. Voorhis is the sporting editor on the K. S. U. Review. Alpha Xi has a fine mandolin club consisting of six members,—three mandolins and three guitars. We feel highly complimented by the election of Bro. Chas. Smith, of '87, as Prætor of the Sixth Province.

We would be pleased to hear from any brother, and will try and make him enjoy himself if he should pay us a visit.

## ALPHA OMICRON—TULANE UNIVERSITY.

Alpha Omicron has just received the November *Bulletin*, and hastens to get her letter written in time to be represented in the November *Quarterly*. At the beginning of this session things looked very dull for Sigma Chi at Tulane; we had lost Bro. Fenner through graduation, and Bro. Milner had been forced to leave college on account of bad health. The first thing done by the active members was to set up an active canvass among the alumni for subscriptions towards renting a chapter house. Here we found the greatest encouragement, for every alumnus of *A O* in this city agreed to pay a regular sum every month to the fund. The result was that in about a week suitable rooms were found within five minutes' walk from the university.

We then came to the conclusion that a chapter house alone would not constitute a chapter, so we set to work to scan the Freshman Class. Here again we were fortunate, for it took us just about three days to pledge T. Farrar Richardson, a member of the Freshman Class. A few nights afterwards he was initiated according to our royal manner. The next week we initiated Lawyer Hayward, also a '92, and Hewes T. Gurley, a junior law student. Bro. Richardson, who only a few nights before had been scared nearly to death by our "tests," now found great sport in helping to make Gurley and Hayward ride our esteemed quadruped. The initiations were quite lively, and it is very likely that Gurley and Hayward will not forget very soon the night when they became Sigs.

With Bro. Dymond, '88, in the law department, and with Bro. Lee Emmet Thomas, of Louisiana, whom we have heard will enter that department of our university, Bro. Gurley will not be alone, and we will have a little "Theta Theta" within itself.

Bro. Milner will go, in a short time, to Georgia, where we hope he will regain his former health. We hear constantly from Bro. E. D. Fenner, '88, who has lately entered the medical department

of the University of Virginia. He tells us that he has joined Psi, and has resumed his activity in "White Cross" matters.

Alpha Omicron has several photo groups of the chapter that were taken last session. She would like to exchange pictures with any of the chapters that have had groups taken recently.

It is probable that our William will be brought into use again very soon at the initiation of another freshman whom our modesty prevents us from naming, but it is quite sure that we have him.

## ALPHA PI—ALBION COLLEGE.

Alpha Pi has now passed into her third year's existence as a chapter of Sigma Chi. In the two years passed she has "lived upon the fat of the land," and the prospects for her continuance in this good way seem flattering indeed. The beginning of the college year found nine active and enthusiastic Sigs in school, willing and anxious to promote Sigma Chi's interests. These, together with Bros. Taylor, Waldo and Springer, "our dignified Professors," formed, indeed, a strong band.

The noted personage, "Wm. I of Alpha Pi," has been in the pasture all summer and hence is in the prime of condition, as our recent convert to Greekdom, Charlie Sharer, can testify. The night chosen for the "orgies" was that of November 6. Not only are Presidents made on that memorable day, but Sigma Chis as well. Bro. Burnham, who is principal of the schools at Climax, helped in the festivities, as well as Bro. A. E. Hoyle, '88, who is now taking a civil engineering course at Ann Arbor. Bro. Chas. Sharer, '92, the victim, comes from Cedar Springs, Michigan, and we think will make us a fine man. We have pledged two senior preps., both "jolly good fellows," and have still further intentions in that direction.

That Albion College is prospering is certain, as its strides forward in the past two years have shown. A School of Oratory has this year been established under the efficient leadership of Prof. Mark B. Beal, recently of Rochester (N. Y.) School



of Oratory. Prof. Samuel Dickie's chair has been filled by Prof. Charles E. Barr, a son of our Professor of Mathematics. A gymnasium is to be built upon the campus this year. The college gives the site, and the students have shown themselves loyal by subscribing enough money, with some outside help, to insure a fine building and apparatus. In this enterprise, the Sigs here have been especially industrious. A new professorship is about to be endowed by the alumni of the college. Our attendance will this year pass the 500 point, and all in all, old Albion is on the winning side.

We have recently learned of the death of Bro. W. A. Warren, of Hillsdale, and the following resolutions have been adopted:

SIGMA CHI HALL, ALBION, MICH.,  
October 27, 1888.

**WHEREAS**, It has seemed best that our Sigma Chi brother, W. A. Warren, of Alpha Kappa Chapter, be taken from the fraternity; and,

**WHEREAS**, The chapter to which he belonged is now defunct, and we, as a chapter, have felt the benefit of his advice; therefore, be it

**Resolved**, That we, the Alpha Pi Chapter of the Sigma Chi Fraternity, feeling that the fraternity has suffered an irreparable loss, extend to the bereaved mother, in this her hour of sorrow, our tenderest sympathy; and,

**Resolved**, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the mother of the deceased brother, published in THE SIGMA CHI, and spread upon the records of our chapter.

D. W. SPRINGER, }  
A. E. HAGLE, } *Committee.*  
C. G. FISKE, }

In conclusion we wish to congratulate our officers upon their prompt and efficient work so far this year, and to convey to all our sister chapters our best wishes.

Let the good work go on!

#### ALPHA RHO—LEHIGH UNIVERSITY.

Alpha Rho rejoices in this opportunity to extend to her sister chapters her most cordial greeting. The chapter letters, which last year formed the most pleasant source of enjoyment, have been this year very conspicuous for their absence, and Alpha Rho does not like to see the youngest member of the Sigma Chi family so badly neglected. The Tribunes know what their duties are, and they should also know that the merest little incident, so long as it bears connection with "Sig" affairs, is of great interest to us. We

particularly desire to hear from our western chapters.

Alpha Rho has been as prosperous this year as could be expected. We have fourteen members, and  $\Sigma X$  is represented in college matters, as follows: Bro. C. W. Corbin is the best player in the best foot-ball team Lehigh has ever had; Bro. G. H. Anderson is the same in the base-ball nine; Bro. J. R. Barrios plays in the LaCrosse, and we hope to say the same of him in a year or two, as last year was his first in this sport; Bro. G. E. Lefevre, represents us in the college paper, the *Lehigh Burr*, is historian of his class, and is the only "Tech" who has been honored by being elected to the "Agora," the literary society here, which is composed exclusively of Classicals, Latin Scientifics and Literaries; Bro. Miller is President of the Banjo and Guitar Club, and is Secretary of the Senior Class; and we have four more men on the banjo and guitar club. We take great pleasure in introducing to the Sig world, Bro. Frank E. Pratt, '92, of Scranton, Pa., and Bro. C. H. Miller, '89, of Norristown, Pa., of whom, being Sigs, is more than enough to show what kind of men they are.

During the early part of the term we had a most enjoyable call from Bro. Hendricks, Omicron, '89, and on the 11th of October, a day ever memorable in the annals of Alpha Rho, we had the pleasure of seeing twenty-two Sigs in our rooms, large enough to accomodate forty ordinary men, but not enough for half the number of Sigs. The Bucknell Football team played our "Varsity Eleven," but were defeated by the score of 74-0, which was no disgrace considering this is their second year, and we have the best team in Pennsylvania. In the evening Bros. Hargrave, Shipman, Davis, De Woody and Campbell, of Kappa, and Bros. Palen and Oliphant, of Alpha Delta, who had accepted our invitation to be present at an initiation, assembled at our hall to help make Bro. Miller's life enjoyable (?) for a short while. Bro. Oliphant presided and Bro. De Woody officiated as "Master of Tortures" and "Chief Fiend."

It was a thoroughly enjoyable affair—for the initiators—and the Billy butted, somebody screamed and things were let loose generally; and from all this Bro. Miller emerged purified, and on his breast, a short time afterward, could be seen our beautiful badge. Some of our alumni have visited us this year, and Bro. Sattler, '88, called on us before he left for Europe to accept a responsible position with the North German Lloyds. Bro. E. R. Mar-

tin has been compelled to leave college on account of the bad condition of his eyes, but as his memory is still fresh amongst us, and he will surely return to college next year, we still count him as one of us.

In conclusion, we state that Alpha Rho cordially invites all Sigs to visit her, and if they are all like our brethren of Kappa and Alpha Delta we are sure neither they nor us will ever have cause to regret it.

## Personalia.

DANIEL GRINNAN—Psi, '88—is practicing law in Richmond.

R. W. BROWN—Alpha Xi, '90—is on a cattle ranch in Colorado.

J. M. WALTER—Theta, '82—is practicing law in St. Paul, Minn.

H. J. FAHNESTOCK—Theta, '84—is in a bank in Watertown, Dakota.

J. SAM SHORTLE—Delta Delta, '88—is studying law in Frankfort, Ind.

W. S. WOLLEY—Alpha Xi, '88—is practicing law in Hutchinson, Kansas.

C. L. SMITH—Alpha Xi, '87—is handling mining stocks at Helena, Montana.

CHANNING WILEY—Tau, '85—is a prosperous merchant at St. Paul, Minn.

GLEN SMITH—Alphi Xi, '87—is in the drug business in Lawrence, Kansas.

GEO. R. WOOD—Mu, '88—is Superintendent of Schools at Sigourney, Ia.

J. W. ROOT—Alpha Xi, '88—has charge of a drug store in Kansas City, Kansas.

GEO. A. DORSEY—Mu, '88—is teaching in Baird College for Ladies, Clinton, Mo.

R. L. MCALPINE—Alpha Xi, '87—is Assistant Engineer of Kansas City, Kan.

WILL LOOMIS—Alpha Pi, '86—is Principal of the Manchester, Mich., schools.

ROY N. HAIR—Alpha Xi, '90—is Musical Director of the Spooner Opera Company.

L. JOHN AMES—Gamma Gamma, '86—farming in Nauramond, is reported about to wed.

J. W. ROBERTS—Alpha Xi, '88—has an extensive law practice in Hutchinson, Kansas.

H. B. CURTIN—Mu, '88—is engaged in the lumber trade with his father at Grafton, W. Va.

R. E. KROH—Alpha Xi, '89—is teller in the Wyandotte National Bank of Kansas City, Kansas.

CHARLES MARSTELLER—Rho and Delta Delta—has embarked into the livery business in Chicago.

HENRY L. KINDIG—Omega, '86—was married, October 23, at Danville, Ind., to Miss Mary Hull.

H. G. PETERS—Tau, '80—is the Democratic Elector for the Fifth Congressional District of Virginia.

S. A. MCCONKEY—Tau, '88—is studying medicine in the Richmond Medical College at Richmond, Va.

REV. E. L. MOON—Alpha Pi, '86—has taken unto himself a better half. He is located at Unionville, Mich.

A. E. HAGLE—Alpha Pi, '88—has entered the civil engineering department of the University of Michigan.

FRED H. BOWERSOCK—Alpha Xi, '88—is Manager of the Bowersock Opera House of Lawrence, Kansas.

WILL J. RANDELL—Delta Delta, '90—has withdrawn from Purdue, but will rejoin his class one year hence.

M. F. BROWN, of Zeta, who graduated last year at the University of Virginia, with degree of M. A., is now studying in Germany.

Two of the most prominent Attorneys of Washington, D. C., are HON. BENJAMIN G. LOVEJOY and HON. REGINALD FENDALL—Epsilon, '68, and '64. They may both be found at the Fendall Law Building, 844 D St., N.W.

J. F. AYERS—Kappa Kappa, '85—is in Real Estate at Fort Scott, Kas.

McCLURE S. TODD—Beta, '87—is in the real estate business at Dodge City, Kas.

CHARLES G. GARDINER—Lambda, '87—is attending the Cincinnati Law School.

T. WILLIS LACKLAND—Alpha Mu, '85—is now a Civil Engineer at Portland, Oregon.

WALTER H. EVANS—Delta Chi, '87—is Assistant in Biology at Wabash College, Indiana.

DR. C. A. ARMSTRONG—Alpha Lambda, '86—is now practicing medicine at Black Earth, Wis.

REV. EDGAR W. WORK—Beta, '84—is pastor of the Presbyterian Church, of Van Wert, O.

C. CASPER OVIATT—Alpha Gamma, '90—is engaged at Smythe's Publishing House at Columbus, O.

F. C. FOSTER—Delta Chi, '85—is Instructor in Greek and Latin at Hopkins Academy, Oakland, Cal.

CHARLES W. MERRILL—Delta Chi, '83—is in the book business at San Francisco, Cal., 42 Geary Street.

HUGH E. WILSON—Beta, '90—is now in the office of Taggart & Denison, Lawyers, at Grand Rapids, Mich.

JOS. B. KERR—Mu, '84—is visiting his home in Granville after a long absence as farmer and stock raiser in Utah.

HOWARD N. THOMPSON—Alpha Gamma, '88—is the Washington Correspondent of the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*.

JOHN T. DICKINSON—Gamma Gamma, '75—is Secretary of the International Fair Association of San Antonio, Texas

CHARLES PORTERFIELD—Zeta and Psi—is a Law Editor with the West Publishing Company, of St. Paul, Minn.

CHARLES RHETTS—Lambda, '89—"stumped" a portion of Indiana, at the last election, for Harrison and Morton.

R. M. MAXEY—Gamma Gamma, '86—has been removed from Matoria Station in Virginia Conference, to near Petersburg.

HENRY H. VINTON—Delta Delta, '85—was married on June 18, 1888, to Miss Mabel Levering, of La Fayette, Ind. During the campaign he has been President of the Tippecanoe County Young Men's Republican Club.

HON. WILLIAM G. STAHLNECKER—Kappa, '68—is Congressman from the Fourteenth District of New York.

NATHAN POWELL—Chi, '84—and JOE R. VORIS—Chi, '87—have entered the Law Department of Harvard University.

T. S. TALBOTT—Gamma Gamma, '87—put aside base-ball for the winter to handle books for J. F. Caruthers, Danville, Va.

P. M. BIKLE, Ph.D.—Theta, '64—is acting as Vice-President of Pennsylvania College during the absence of L. H. Croll, Sc.D.

EDWARD VENABLE, an alumnus of W, has just been elected to the House of Representatives from the Petersburg District.

The marriage of OSCAR M. GLYNN—Gamma Gamma, '80—to Miss Coghill, was celebrated in Fredericksburg some weeks ago.

HARRY S. COLLETTE—Mu, '90—is with Joseph T. Low & Co., commission merchants, 188 West Sixty-first street, New York City.

H. N. REYNOLDS—Beta, '88—is engaged in real estate investments at Denver, Colo. He is Secretary of the Denver Mutual Lot Co.

WILLIAM ERDMAN—Beta, '84—has removed his law office from 170 Broadway to the Trinity Building, rooms 181-188, New York City.

W. C. VAN LOO—Alpha Pi, '86—after two years tutoring in the Big Rapids High School, has commenced the study of law in that place.

MOSES GREENWOOD, JR.—Tau, '81—is a member of the firm of Carr & Greenwood, real estate agents, 16 N. Eighth street, St. Louis, Mo.

C. B. VOORHIS—Alpha Xi, '92—is acting as Treasurer of the Bowersock Opera House, Lawrence, Kansas, and at the same time doing work in the University.

SHELLY B. JONES—Alpha Pi, '88—who ranked No. 1 among Michigan College pitchers when in school, has been playing professionally with the East Saginaw, Mich., club.

WILLIAM M. BOOTH—Omega, '78—has lately formed a law partnership under the firm name of Gregory, Booth & Harlan. The firm takes the pending business of Hon. Melville Fuller, and will retain the offices held by him at 163 Dearborn Street, Chicago.

ROBERT A. TOWNSEND—Kappa, '64—is Principal of the Reading (Pa.) High School.

O. H. CARSON—Xi, '87—is Superintendent of the Public Schools of Kendallville, Ind.

WILLIAM H. SAVIDGE—Theta Theta, '88—is Attorney for the Union Pacific R. R. Co., at Pocatello, Idaho.

WM. L. MASON—Theta Theta, '86—has the pleasure of being the father of his first child—a Sigma Chi girl.

OWEN M. SHREVE—Kappa, '85—is Chemist for the World's Dispensary and Invalid's Hotel, at Buffalo, N. Y.

JOEL T. M. STONEROD—Beta, '87—has removed from Duluth to St. Paul, Minn., and is now in the Railroad business.

DR. GEO. N. ACKER—Theta, '72—is Medical Examiner for the Equitable Life Assurance Society in Washington, D. C.

A. C. CUNKLE—Alpha Xi, '88—is studying law at his home in Madison, Kansas. He made political speeches during the campaign.

HON. GEO. D. MEIKLEJOHN—Theta Theta, '80—is a son whom Nebraska loves to honor. This time it is the Lieutenant Governorship.

J. C. NATE—Alpha Iota, '89—received a remunerative offer to take charge of the school at Spring Bay, Ill, and is teaching there this year.

R. B. PARKER—Alpha Omicron, '89—is engaged as a Commercial Traveler for the house of his father, J. M. Parker & Co., of New Orleans.

PAUL F. WALKER—Zeta Psi, '86—is Teacher of English in Civil College, Monterey, Mexico. He is also attending a Law School at Monterey.

D. V. BURNS, Esq.—Lambda, '69—has removed from Indianapolis to Denver, Col., for the practice of law. His office is in room 85, Cheesman Block.

WILL R. GARDINER—Lambda, '88—was Prize Memorial Speaker at Cornell University last year. He is Editor-in-Chief of the *Cornell Daily Sun* for the year 1888-89.

ELMER E. HALSEY—Theta Theta, '86—has been re-elected to the office of Circuit Court Commissioner of Baraga County, Michigan. He was also on both Republican and Democratic tickets as a candidate for Prosecuting Attorney, and unanimously elected to fill that office.

W. F. IRWIN—Chi, '87—has entered the McCormick Theological Seminary at Chicago, having spent a year in foreign travel with Nathan Powell—Chi, '84.

J. B. MCPHERSON—Theta, '88—graduated from the Law Department of the University of Pennsylvania last May, and has hung out his shingle in Gettysburg.

C. B. VOORHIS—Alpha Xi, '92—played second base with the Skinner Base Ball Club of Ottawa, Kansas. The club went through the season with but one defeat.

EDWARD W. SPEED—Sigma Sigma, '79—was married April 18, 1889, to Miss Mary Spencer, of Farmville, Va. He is now engaged in banking at Rapid City, Dakota.

JASPER M. DRESSER—Delta Delta, '89—has entered the Peekskill (N. Y.) Military Academy. Purdue loses thereby one of her best base ball pitchers as well as one of her best singers.

H. P. WRIGHT—Omega, '87—has lately branched out as a life insurance broker in Kansas City with an office in the Water Works Building. The firm name is Wright & Chesney.

JOHN T. MALLALIEU—Omicron, '76—of Kearney, Neb., is Superintendent of the State Reform School for Juvenile Offenders, and also a Regent of the University of Nebraska.

PROF. HORACE A. HOFFMAN—Lambda, '81—now of the chair of Greek of Indiana University, was married last June to Miss Anna Bowman, of Monticello, Ind. They spent their honeymoon in Europe.

CHAS. H. HUNTER—Kappa, '85—who is now practicing law at Greensburg, Pa., was elected Second Lieutenant of Co. I, 10th Regiment N. G. P., at the Conneaut Lake military encampment last August.

GEO. ADE—Delta Delta, '86—has resigned his position as editorial writer on the *La Fayette Evening Call*, and has assumed the management of the Universal Remedy Company, with headquarters at La Fayette.

HON. JOHN W. TOMLINSON—Xi, '78—is a member of the firm of Benjamin O. Wright & Co., United States Claim Attorneys, 29½ North Pennsylvania street, Indianapolis, Ind.

We are glad to hear of the improvement in health of E. M. BASS—Gamma Gamma, '87—It is very probable that in a short time he will be the junior partner of the large hardware firm of J. R. Jopling, Danville, Va.

JOHN H. WIGGAM—Chi, '85—was President of the Lyon County Republican Club, at Emporia, Kansas, during the recent campaign.

FRANK L. MUNNERLYN—Pi, '85—is connected with the firm of Maas & Schwarz, Cotton Factors and Commission Merchants, at Selma, Ala.

REV. CHAS. R. TROWBRIDGE—Theta, '82—first Editor-in-Chief of THE SIGMA CHI. is now pastor of the Lutheran Church on College Hill at Easton, Pa.

DAN M. GRIFFITH, JR.—Alpha Omicron, '88—after traveling North and East last summer, has located at his home in Danville, Ky., for the practice of medicine.

HON. CHARLES L. JEWETT—Lambda, '69—rendered invaluable services to the Democratic party as Chairman of the Indiana State Central Committee, during the campaign.

JAS. CANNON, JR.—Gamma Gamma, '84—was married at her home in Louisa Co., to the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Bennett. He has recently joined the Virginia Conference, and is preaching in Charlotte, near Danville, Va.

E. G. KREIDER—Rho, '79—has removed from Indianapolis to Tacoma, Washington Territory. He has formed a law partnership with Fremont Campbell, Esq., of the latter place, and "is delighted with his change of base."

IRA C. BOTMAN—Lambda, '85—was married, October 25, to Miss Mollie Waldron, of Bloomington, Ind. With a Sigma Chi as best man and a liberal attendance of Sigma Chi guests the ceremony was, of course, a brilliant success.

JAMES R. PACE—Gamma Gamma, '87—member of the firm of Geoghegan & Pace, Fancy Confectioners, and proprietors of a large Ladies' Restaurant in Danville, Va., is very successful in business, and occupies an enviable position.

HON. GEORGE W. COOPER—Lambda, '72—is a worthy successor to Congressman Matson, of Indiana. The Democrats can still find good gubernatorial timber in that district. HENRY CLAY DUNCAN—Lambda, '68—was Bro. Cooper's opponent.

HON. LAFAYETTE PENCE—Chi, '77—refused the nomination for Lieutenant Governor of Colorado, on the Democratic ticket. The reason why he prayed to be excused appeared later when the announcement was made that he had married a wife. Chi extends congratulations.

HAMILTON DOUGLAS—Beta '88, Theta Theta, '87—has formed a very desirable law partnership at Atlanta, Ga. His wife received an "LL.B." with him, and is the only female lawyer in Georgia. Her chief client at present is but a few months old, and he has been named Donald Douglas.

CLARENDON B. EYER—Theta Theta, '88—was married on October 18, 1888, to Miss Cora A. Knowlton, of Winterset, Ia. His Chicago friends extend hearty congratulations on the wisdom of his choice. Bro. Eyer is meeting with considerable success in the practice of law at room 88, 84 La Salle Street, Chicago.

REV. JOHN A. WIRT—Theta, '74—took charge of a church at Hughesville, Pa., six years ago, which owned property worth \$1,300. The congregation now owns a parsonage and a church-building worth \$25,000. Other churches in the Susquehanna Synod are indebted to Bro. Wirt's financiering for their present prosperity.

PROF. F. M. TAYLOR—Omega, '76—whose college record is one of the bright spots in the *History of Omega*, is fulfilling the promise of his earlier years. After a high and thorough course of study, he was honored by the University of Michigan with a "Ph.D." last spring. When the U. of M. completes the examination of a candidate for Doctor of Philosophy, the granting of the degree means something.

The resolutions of Alpha Pi Chapter in another column indicate the death of W. A. WARREN—Alpha Kappa, '89. The *Hillsdale College Herald* has this to say of him:

Willis Arthur Warren, was born at Coldwater, Mich., December 23, 1867. He graduated from the Coldwater High School at the age of fifteen, and the same summer removed with his mother to Hillsdale, where he entered college in the fall of '83. His bright mind and superior scholarship could not fail to attract attention anywhere, and commanded the highest respect of instructors and fellow students. His frank, pleasant face, his gentlemanly, modest bearing, his manly character, and companionable traits soon drew around him the best college society, and the friendship of all which he so quickly won was never lost. He early identified himself with the Alpha Kappa Phi Society, of which he became a star member by winning the Melendy oratorical prize in the contest of 1886. He was also a member of the *Sigma Chi Fraternity*. The members of these organizations cannot but feel keenly in his death the loss of a brother always loyal and helpful.

At the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees this spring, he was voted the degree of A. B., a rare though well merited compliment, since the degree was conferred a year in advance of his class for the work done by him during his course. The loss of such a bright, promising young man will be deeply felt in our college circle, in which, during the last five years, he has won so prominent a place.

The *L'Anse Sentinel*, of Michigan, made an announcement, October 20, 1888, which will call forth the congratulations of the many friends of JOHN E. YOUNG—Theta Theta, '88 :

#### MARRIED.

In L'Anse, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. F. Beehler, by Rev. C. I. Porritt, Mr. John E. Young, of Pequaming, and Miss Mary Beehler, of L'Anse.

Miss Beehler is a well known young lady of L'Anse. Mr. Young is one of the proprietors of the *Sentinel*, and actively engaged in the employ of Charles Hebard & Son, of Pequaming.

A wedding breakfast was served at half-past nine, and the ceremony was performed at ten in the presence of the family and two or three intimate friends. The young couple immediately took the train for Chicago, from which place they will start this week for Mr. Young's old home in New Jersey.

In the *University Mirror*, of Bucknell University, we found the following concerning one of the charter members of Kappa :

We are glad to congratulate our loyal alumnus, Chauncey B. Ripley, Esq., of New York City, on his title of LL.D., conferred at the late commencement by the Faculty and Board of Trustees of the University. We also congratulate Bucknell University. The conferring of this degree was granted with vociferous cheers by the alumni, officers and friends of the University when announced at Commencement, and at the Corporation dinner the recipient, Mr. Ripley, was highly complimented, and the act of his *Aima Mater* approved and commended by such representative speakers as Rev. Lowry, Alfred Taylor, Esq., and Rev. Dr. Gessler. Mr. Ripley was one of a very small number of practicing lawyers in New York City honored by the Degree of Doctor of Laws this last Commencement season.

REV. DR. GESSLER mentioned in the article is a Sigma Chi of '64, and is now Pastor of Grace Baptist Church in New York City. ALFRED TAYLOR, Esq.—Kappa, '88—is one of the prominent lawyers of the metropolis.

J. L. MERRIMAN—Kappa, '87—who is an electrician with the Marr Construction and Investment Company, of Pittsburg, has been spending some time in the vicinity of Chicago. The President of the company with which Bro. Merriman is connected, is Bro. Frank S. Marr—Kappa, '71.

We take the following item from *The College Transcript*, to show what Ohio Wesleyan thinks of one of the Gamma boys :

C. G. Ballou, '88, has what we deem the most enviable position obtained by any member of last year's class. He is Professor of Latin and Physics in the Toledo High School. He has four classes in Latin in which there are sixty students, and two classes in Physics in which there are sixty-four students. There are eighty-seven in the Senior Class. He may be addressed at Hotel Union, Toledo.

We clip the following concerning J. N. CAMDEN—Alpha Mu, '86—from *The Cincinnati Enquirer* :

The Episcopal Church at Versailles, Ky., was the scene last night at half-past seven o'clock of the most brilliant and notable marriage that has ever occurred in the Blue Grass region of Kentucky. The contracting parties were Miss Susan Preston Hart and Johnson M. Camden, of Parkersburg, W. Va.

Immediately following the ceremony the bridal party, together with several hundred invited guests, were given an elegant reception at Spring Hill, the country seat of Mrs. Hart.

At 11 o'clock the bride and groom left for Cincinnati, en route to the groom's home at Parkersburg.

Miss Hart, besides being famous as a great Kentucky beauty, possesses many noble qualities, and is widely popular. She is extremely wealthy. Mr. Camden, the only son of Senator Camden, is a handsome young man of twenty-four years, and Treasurer of the Ohio River Railroad Company.

Many distinguished persons from the East attended the wedding.

# FOR THE

Attendance in College Department	Fall Session Opens.	
475	Sept. 12	B
427	Sept. 19	B
113	Sept. 20	R
175	Sept. 27	A
131	Sept. 6	Q
101	Sept. 13	Q
273	Sept. 13	B
89	Sept. 6	B
221	Sept. 17	Q
...	.....	
91	Oct. 1	Q
126	Sept. 12	Q
78	Sept. 5	B
176	Oct. 1	S
236	Sept. 14	Q
...	Sept. 20	B
269	Sept. 6	R
235	Sept. 12	Q
88	Sept. 5	B
118	Sept. 20	
748	Oct. 1	X
105	Sept. 6	Q
...	Sept. 28	A
195	.....	Q
180	Sept. 19	B
250	.....	Q
53	Sept. 4	B
...	.....	
719	Sept. 24	Q
260	Sept. 15	Q
457	Sept. 5	B
...	.....	
...	.....	
90	Oct. 6	R
95	Sept. 18	A
400	Sept. 15	Q

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION WANTED FOR THE CATALOGUE.

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THERE are very few of our members who are not fully aware that Sigma Chi has been preparing to publish a rather elaborate Catalogue and History, to contain, among other features, a concise biographical account of each member. At last the book is about completed and will be placed in the hands of the printer next month (December). Unfortunately there are quite a number of members about whom we have been unable to secure satisfactory information. It is *very* desirable that our records should be complete, and for the purpose of securing this information still lacking the editors have prepared a list of the members whose biographical data is defective. We hope very much that each member who receives this magazine will *read this list over carefully* and *especially the list of his own chapter*, and give us all the information in his power *at once*.

Names marked with a dagger (†) are partially incomplete; all others are *very* incomplete. Addresses in italics are believed to be incorrect. What we earnestly desire is the present *correct* address, the present occupation or profession, and the full name (first, middle and surname unabbreviated), of each of these men. We wish also the dates of death of all who are dead, and any and all interesting biographical information about either living or dead. Information about college honors of all sorts, college degrees and all interesting facts will be greatly appreciated. Suggestions as to where any of this information may probably be obtained will be of the greatest assistance. Please write at once to

WALTER L. FISHER,  
24 Portland Block, Chicago, Ill.

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**THE BETA (Wooster University).**

1890.  
†Arthur C. Israel, Attorney, Zanesville, O.  
1892.  
†John Henry Ridenour, Cincinnati, O.

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**THE GAMMA (Ohio Wesleyan University).**

1857.  
Thomas B. Stevenson, Dayton, O.; dead.  
1858.  
Benjamin B. Walker, Columbus, O.; dead.

1859.

Ebenezer M. Williams, Attorney, Cincinnati, O.

1853.

George W. Kline, San Francisco, Cal.,  
C. S. A.

†Manassa M. Lawson, Tuscola, Ill.; dead.

1864.

Charles C. Wiles, Zanesville, O.

1865.

Charles Phillis, Jr., Irwin, O.  
Charles Sutphin, Cincinnati, O.

1886.

Hiram R. Andrews, Delaware, O.

1867.

Geo. H. Barnitz, Manufacturer, Middletown, O.

John Preston, *Hutsonville, Ill.*

Addison Watson, Greensburg, Kas.

1868.

†Benjamin Franklin Martin, Stock Yards, Chicago, Ill.

1869.

Samuel O. Barnett, *Chicago, Ill.*

Frank S. Campbell, Delaware, O.

†Thomas S. Hitt, Physician, Urbana, O.

William S. Barkley, *Indianapolis, Ind.*

1870.

James A. Morton, Valparaiso, Ind.

A. Scudder Ogden, Banker, Ft. Scott, Kas.

1873.

Hon. Harvey Wells, Wellstown, O.

1874.

Percy Norton, Springfield, O.

1877.

John Beckett, *Chester, O.*

Thomas Moore, Jr., Hamilton, O.

Rev. N. S. McClure, Keene, O.

1878.

Charles G. Rowley, Springfield, O.

1880.

Frank N. Coffin, Richmond, Ind.

1882.

Horace G. Bartlett, *Hamilton, O.*

†Robert L. McCabe, Delaware, O.

1884.

Roy C. J. Miller, Delaware, O.

1885.

Albert W. Mayars, Millersburg, O.

Samuel E. Wilkinson, *Oxford, O.*

1886.

Charles W. Goodlander, Fort Scott, Kas.

Daniel Hillman, Nashville, Tenn.

Charles S. Reed, Attorney, Fredonia, Kas.

1887.

Walter Penquite, La Monte, Mo.

1888.

Oscar C. Ellis, Higginsport, O.

Horace H. Sears, Fowler, O.

Henry C. Elliot, Delaware, O.

THE DELTA (*University of Georgia*).

†Reid B. Barnes, Atlanta, Ga.

Henry H. Collier, Port Royal, S. C.

William Lincoln Ison, Griffin, Ga.

William S. Johnson, Macon, Ga.; dead.

M. G. Smith, *Athens, Ga.*

Information regarding the chapter wanted.

THE EPSILON (*Columbia University*).

1864.

†Jacob Abbott Moore, Washington, D. C.; dead.

1865.

Rev. John W. Custis, *Chicago, Ill.*; dead.

†Rev. Wm. F. C. Morsell, 230 Winona Ave., Germantown, Pa.

1866.

†Rev. James Neilson, Farmville, Va.

1867.

William D. Ball, Jr., *Georgetown, D. C.*

1868.

Francis C. Bowen, *Washington, D. C.*J. Everett Martin, *Washington, D. C.*

1869.

J. Willis Bidgwood, Churchland, Va.

†George W. Coffin, 1112 11th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

1870.

Rev. B. A. Williamson, *Pana, Ill.*

1871.

S. Eugene Atkinson, *Washington, D. C.*†Rev. Frank H. Havenner, *Catonville, Md.*R. D. Locke, *Alabama.*

1872.

Samuel J. Skinner, *North Carolina.*

1873.

Henry Clay Fuller, Attorney, *Washington, D. C.*

D. B. Porter, Washington, D. C.

Rev. Jesse Hartwell Edwards, Oxford, Miss.

1875.

Benjamin Franklin White, Adamstown, Md.

1876.

Frank S. Coombs, Napa, Cal.

THE ZETA (*Washington and Lee University*).

1867.

Henry Crommelin, Montgomery, Ala.  
†William R. Fox, Louisville; dead.  
Erasmus J. Parsons, Talladega, Ala.;  
dead.

1868.

Alex. F. Young, *Columbus, Miss.*

1869.

Edwin C. Moorman, Cartersville, Va.;  
dead.

1871.

F. L. Porter, Otter Creek, Fla.

1872.

Charles G. Morgan, *New York City*.

1874.

Risdon Hutchins Price, *St. Louis, Mo.*

1885.

James Armstrong Welch, Attorney at  
Law, *Denver, Colo.*

THE ETA (*University of Mississippi*).

1860.

Thomas Lowrie Boggan, Byhalia, Miss.;  
dead.

Meshach Franklin, Early Grove, Miss.  
William Theodore McCann, Waco, Tex.;  
dead.

1861.

John Emerson Butler, *Linden, Miss.*  
Reuben Turner Pollard, Wynne, Ark.  
Thomas Emmett Tucker, Byhalia, Miss.;  
dead.

1872.

Thomas Perry Lee, Sartartia, Miss.  
Wm. Napoleon Potts, *Jackson Parish, La.*  
Samuel McElree Wilson, *Corinth, Miss.*

1863.

Thomas Coke Durr, Oxford, Miss.; dead.  
John Richard Gladney, *Buena Vista, Miss.*

1863.

Wm. Henry McCardell, *Vicksburg, Miss.*  
Jas. Sheppard Reynolds, *Bolton's Depot,*  
*Miss.*

Jas. Aubert Scudday, 33 Carondelet St.,  
New Orleans, La.

1864.

Geo. Jacob Hunsicker, Water Proof, La.;  
dead.

1867.

Alexander Glenn, New Orleans, La.

1869.

James Thompson Austin, Abbeville, Miss.;  
dead.

Alexander Irwin, *Carson's Landing,*  
*Miss*; dead.

John Hampden Perkins, *Columbus, Miss.*;  
dead.

1870.

Madison Conrad Klein, *Vicksburg, Miss.*

1871.

Charles Harvey Hart, *St. Louis, Mo.*

1872.

William Everett Quin, *Waltham, Miss.*

1873.

James Miller Buffington, Grenada, Miss.;  
dead.

Wm. Stewart Johnson, *Woodville, Miss.*

1874.

Lawson Ballou, Kirkwood, Miss.  
†Cornelius William Carothers, Chatta-  
nooga, Tenn.

†Marion Lafayette Dye, Dallas, Texas.

1876.

William I. Causey, *Summit, Miss.*  
Francis Emmett Love, Vicksburg, Miss.;  
dead.

Eugene Montgomery Smith, Canton,  
Miss.

Brittain R. Webb, Dallas, Texas.

1877.

E. G. Leonard, *Coffeeville, Miss.*

1879.

†Murray Taylor, *Corinth, Miss.*

1880.

Delos Carpenter Mellen, Attorney at Law,  
New Orleans, La.

1881.

Hardy Stricklin Green, Corinth, Miss.  
Edmund Payton Lowe, New Orleans, La.  
Walter Montieth Stewart, Natchez, Miss.;  
dead.

1882.

George Hiram Barney, Liberty, Miss.  
James Leonidas Brownlee, Sparta, Miss.  
James Burt Cassidy, Summit, Miss.; dead.  
Henry Green Harlan, *Macon, Miss.*  
Henry Jenkins, Aberdeen, Miss.; dead.

1884.

Charles James Baldwin, Law Student,  
Enterprise, Miss.

William Sharkey Raiford, *Liberty, Miss.*

†Friley J. Jiggetta, M.D., Houston, Tex.

1885.

Edward J. Delony, Jr., Lake Providence,  
La.

Oscar A. Bourg, Lafourche Parish, La.

1886.

Stonewall J. Dillard, Farmersville, La.

James S. Johnson, Woodville, Miss.

David A. Billups, Merchant, *Ft. Smith,  
Ark.*

1887.

†Eugene A. Ford, Kosciusko, Miss.

†Friley Jones, Canton, Miss.

†Wm. B. Jones, Canton, Miss.

Edmund P. Williams, *Baldwin, Miss.*

#### THE THETA (*Pennsylvania College*).

1867.

†Henry Black, Leymaster's Station, Pa.;  
dead.

1871.

†Albert S. Kemp, Accountant, 55 N. Green  
Street, Baltimore, Md.

1876.

†George Rudolph Freeman, Divinity Stu-  
dent, New Haven, Conn.

†Rev. Wm. Alfred Shipman, Hollidays-  
burgh, Pa.

1878.

Robert H. Welfley, Physician, Cumber-  
land, Md.

1879.

†John Fahnestock, Merchant, Philadel-  
phia, Pa.

Charles Griffith, Baltimore, Md.

1883.

†William Denver Loudon, Altoona, Pa.;  
dead.

#### THE ORIGINAL PI (*Erskine College, S. O.*)

1863.

Charles A. Boyd, *Chester, S. O.*

Columbus C. Brown, Wilcox Co., Ala.;  
dead.

Emmet E. Craig, Paris, Tex.

E. L. Miller, Spartansburg Co., S. O.

Alexander A. Nickle, *Pickaway, Va.*

#### IOTA (*Jefferson College, Pa.*)

1858.

†Rev. David J. Irwin, Ebenezer, Pa.

1860.

Samuel P. Harbison, *Pittsburgh, Pa.*

1861.

†C. Bruce Watson, Milton, Pa.; dead.

1863.

Mathew R. Mitchell, M.D., Lawrence,  
Kas.

†William N. McDonald, Charlestown,  
Ill.; dead.

1868.

Albert B. Hevy, *Pittsburgh, Pa.*

Rev. Daniel S. Smart, Benson, Vt.

†James S. Smart, Coita, N. Y.

John W. Stontemeyer, New Orleans, La.

†William S. Duff, Attorney, Pittsburg,  
Pa.

†J. Gladden Johnson, M.D., 494 Wood-  
ward Ave., Detroit, Mich.

1864.

Rev. Samuel C. Kerr, Winchester, O.  
Wm. K. Perrine, Monroe, O.

1865.

O. S. Cunningham, M.D., *Beaver, Pa.*

Rev. J. H. Fleming, Welsh Run, Pa.

†John M. Johnson, M.D., Steubenville, O.

†Thomas Uril Parker, Mifflintown, Pa.

Thos. Asbury Perrine, *Monroe, O.*

Robert W. Price, *Alleghany, Pa.*

1866.

Samuel C. Troupe, *Boonsboro, Mo.*

1867.

Geo. E. O'Neal, Steubenville, O.; dead.

1871.

Robert Gracy, Jr., *Merced City, Pa.*

Willis L. King, *Pittsburgh, Pa.*

#### THE KAPPA (*Bucknell University*).

1874.

Clinton D. Gibbon, 525 Cherry St., Phila-  
delphia, Pa.

1865.

John W. Custis, Newark, N. J.; dead.

J. Washington Irving, Chester, Pa.

†Rev. Thomas Seyse, Busti, N. Y.

1866.

†Rev. Thomas F. Smith, Clifton, N. Y.

1867.  
Rev. J. B. Ritner, *Sunbury, Pa.*  
†Joseph Latta Watson, *Philadelphia, Pa.*

1868.  
S. O. Reed, *Sunbury, Pa.*  
Mark R. Sooy, Mt. Holly, N. J.

1869.  
John T. Baldwin, *New York City.*  
†F. K. Fowler, *Blossburg, Pa.*  
Hiram Hancock, *Oil City, Pa.*  
Henry L. Kinport, *Grant, Pa.*

1870.  
George L. Groff, *Stroudsburg, Pa.*  
J. Wesley Hemmelreich, *Lewisburg, Pa.*  
Jacob Hunt, 51 N. Tenth St., *Philadelphia, Pa.*

George D. Miles, *Lock Haven, Pa.*  
William H. Slifer, *Lewisburg, Pa.*; dead.  
Arthur W. Wright, *Cincinnati, Ohio.*

1878.  
Clarence A. Brown, *Exeter, Pa.*  
Frank J. Ingraham, *Dentist, Brunswick, Ga.*  
William C. Walls, *Lewisburg, Pa.*

1874.  
Clifford Blackburn, *Philadelphia, Pa.*  
Melvin E. Lynn, *McKeesport, Pa.*  
Wm. D. Himmelwright, *Lewisburg, Pa.*

1875.  
Wm. H. Young, *Achov, O.*

1877.  
William R. Folmer, *West Milton, Pa.*

1878.  
Edward R. Helmbold, *Eddington, Pa.*  
Amos R. Shalkop, *Roxborough, Philadelphia, Pa.*

1879.  
†David Austin Chase, *Jeffries, Pa.*; dead.  
A. S. Shedden, *Etina, Pa.*

1881.  
Paul Stone Horton, *Elmira, Pa.*

1882.  
Elijah D. Campbell, *Williamsport, Pa.*  
J. B. Stevenson, *Pittsburgh, Pa.*

1884.  
Arthur W. Evans, *Pittsburgh, Pa.*

1885.  
W. E. Renshaw, *Plymouth, Pa.*

THE LAMBDA (*Indiana State University*).

1861.  
William W. Shermerhorn, *Delphi, Ind.*

1863.  
†Rev. Daniel James Bridge, *Franklin, Pa.*  
Arthur J. Hawk, *Wickliff, Ind.*; dead.  
†Rev. John Hood, *Cedar Rapids, Ia.*  
Napoleon A. Rambolt, *Springfield, Ind.*

1864.  
†Stephen Belding, *Journalist, Washington, Ind.*  
John S. Logan, *Salem, Ind.*; dead.  
Thomas Bruce Shields, *Columbus, Ind.*; dead.  
Obial Spencer, *Ladoga, Ind.*

1866.  
†Bedford Augustus Bradley, *Cincinnati, O.*; died at *New Albany, Ind.*  
Chapman C. Menaugh, *Salem, Ind.*  
William H. Scott, *Logansport, Ind.*; dead.

1867.  
William Joseph Hisey, *New Albany, Ind.*  
Joseph P. Jones, *Waconda, Ore.*  
Rev. George W. Wilson, *Fairfield, Ind.*

1868.  
George W. Coffee, *Owensboro, Ky.*  
James M. Wilhite, *Owensboro, Ky.*; dead.  
Howard Maxwell, *Physician, Indianapolis, Ind.*

1869.  
W. B. F. Treat, *Bloomington, Ind.*

1870.  
James E. Sayers, *San Francisco, Cal.*

1871.  
†Rev. James M. Foster, *Cincinnati, O.*

1888.  
†Charles Swartz, *Charlestown, Ind.*

1886.  
†Simon P. Dorner, *Teacher, Milford, Ind.*  
Robert S. Duncan, *Teacher, Petersburg, Ind.*

†Walter I. Isonogel, *Teacher, Chesterfield, Ind.*

1888.  
Luke M. Gentle, *Noblesville, Ind.*  
Glenwood L. Swiggett, *Cambridge City, Ind.*

THE ORIGINAL NU (*Washington College*).

1868.

Louis Watkins, Washington, Pa., U. S. A.

1865.

†Rev. William B. Watson, Fredericktown, Ohio; dead.

1866.

John V Cracraft, Journalist, Washington, D. C.

William N. Scott, *Pittsburgh, Pa.*William J. Roberts, *Waynesburg, Pa.*

William C. Kerr, Decatur, Ill.; dead.

THE NU (*Cumberland University*).

1872.

†N. Q. Allen, Attorney at Law, Evansville, Tenn.

1878.

Albert Buford, Jr., Pulaski, Tenn.

1874.

John W. Anderson, Franklin, Tenn.

Aleck T. Burmley, Hartsville, Tenn.

Luther W. Clark, Salisbury, Tenn.

Lucian Earle, *Fort Worth, Texas.*

Seaton Grantland, Griffin, Ga.

Robert M. Hall, *Huntington, Tenn.*

Bates McFarland, Brenham, Texas.

Ernest Pillow, Cornersville, Tenn.

William W. Ratliff, Kosciusko, Miss.

Thomas C. Spellings, Hollow Rock, Tenn.

John C. Rosborough, Sardis, Miss.

1875.

†Wm. Edwards, Becton, Forest City, Ark.; dead.

James H. Carr, Bellevue, La.; dead.

Matthew Cartwright, St. Augustine, Tex.

John E. Matthews, Melrose, Tex.

William Scaife, Attorney, Eufala, Ala.

Raymond H. Taylor, *Grenada, Miss.*

Gustavus A. Watson, Petersburg, Tenn.

1876.

William M. Searcy, Brenham, Tex.

1878.

†George T. Garrett, San Augustine, Tex.; dead.

1880.

Amos Donnell Hunt, *Cloverhill, Tenn.*THE XI (*De Pauw University*).

1863.

J. E. McDonough, Lawyer, *Indianapolis, Ind.*

1868.

†William Gurley Beatty, Banker, Cardington, O.

1864.

\*E. A. Stevenson, Pulaski, Ind.

1867.

William J. LaRue, Burlington, Kas.

Rev. W. T. Hemenway, *Fort Wayne, Ind.*

1870.

†Rev. Robert Cullison, Galesburg, Kansas.

1871.

†Henry C. Stout, *Chicago, Ill.*

1878.

James William Kirkwood, Greenville, Ind.

1875.

†Harrison Kohler, *Frankfort, Ind.*

1876.

David Edward McClain, Greencastle, Ind.; dead.

1879.

Charles Edward Newhouse, *Rochester, Ind.*

1880.

Hiram Washington Collier, *Tuscola, Ill.*

1881.

†Alfred Dickson Hurst, Teacher, Brazil, Ind.

1888.

†Willard W. Clayton, Attorney, St. Paul, Minn.

†William W. Olcott, Clerk, Indianapolis, Ind.

†William H. Steed, Attorney, Ottawa, Ill.

1884.

†Horace L. Combs, Merchant, South Whitley, Ind.

†Joseph C. Condo, Manufacturer, Alexandria, Ind.

†Charles F. Miller, Attorney, Saratoga, Kas.

W. D. Williamson, Indianapolis, Ind.

1888.

Isaac Powers, *Youngstown, O.*

Orsa F. Overstreet, Greencastle, Ind.

THE OMICRON (*Dickinson College*).

1861.  
Rev. Samuel Kepler, Baltimore, Md.;  
dead.
1862.  
Geo. W. Caruth, *Little Rock, Ark.*, or  
*Louisville, Ky.*
1863.  
William Daily Clayton, Albuquerque, N.  
M., C. S. A.  
Bowie Magruder, Brookville, Md.  
Edward L. Perrie, Nottingham, Md.;  
dead.
1864.  
†Walter David McAdoo, Capitalist,  
Greensboro, N. C., C. S. A.  
L. N. Waterman, Attorney at Law, *Ottawa,*  
*Ill.*  
Andrew N. Hopkins, Nashville, Tenn.;  
dead.
1865.  
†Hope Hepburn, Carlisle, Pa.  
John Cornman, Publisher, New York  
City.
1866.  
J. W. Jackson, Attorney at Law, *Wil-*  
*mington, Del.*
1867.  
J. C. Bitner, *Plainfield, Pa.*, or Wood-  
stock, Va.  
Pulaski Melick, Banker, Bloomsburg, Pa.
1868.  
†E. J. Bukey, Teacher, Frostburg, Md.  
†Rev. John Franklin Goucher, Baltimore,  
Md.
1869.  
R. D. Clifton, Attorney at Law, Philadel-  
phia, Pa.  
Wilbur M. Dobbins, Camden, N. J.
1870.  
J. E. Nichols, *Annapolis, Md.*  
†Jesse W. Weiser, Attorney at Law,  
York, Pa.
1871.  
O. D. Foulks, *Philadelphia, Pa.*
1872.  
Thomas W. Nadal, New York City.
1873.  
Joseph S. Ensminger, Attorney at Law,  
Topeka, Kan.
1874.  
Albert S. Howell, Wheeling, W. Va.

1876.

†Rev. William E. Curley, Keyser, W. Va.  
Edwin Hibden, 153 S. Ann St., Baltimore,  
Md.

1877.

Rev. S. W. Smith, Avondale, Pa.

1878.

Rev. Jas. C. Nicholson, M. E. Church,  
Lavender Hill, Md.

1881.

Bernardino F. May, Moberly, Mo.

1883.

Wm. W. Lanahan, Baltimore, Md.

1886.

George S. Sutherland, Baltimore, Md.

1887.

Louis P. Lincoln, Teacher, Laurelton, Pa.

THE PI (*Howard College*).

1874.

Leo Chandler, *West Point, Miss.*  
Thos. W. Sprott, Marion, Ala.  
Wm. E. Quinn, *Walthall, Miss.*

1875.

Orin R. Sholars, Orange, Texas.

1877.

Frank L. Allen, Macon, Miss.  
Samuel Clark, M. D., Fairfield, Ala.

1878.

James Pinckney Wood, Waco, Texas.  
James W. Lawrence, *Marion, Ala.*  
Robert Burton Young, *Corinth, Miss.*

1880.

J. D. Cook, Pushmataha, Ala.

1882.

†R. W. Henderson, Merchant, Talladega,  
Ala.

S. E. Reese, *Demopolis, Ala.*

1883.

Samuel Rice Bethea, Faunsdale, Ala.

1885.

Robin Jones, Greensboro, Ala.  
Allen W. Glover, Montgomery, Ala.

THE RHO (*Butler University*).

1866.

George Washington Galvin, Attorney at law, Indianapolis, Ind.

Henry F. Kane, Attorney at law, Indianapolis, Ind.

1867.

John Denton, Attorney at law, Indianapolis, Ind.

1869.

Clarence B. Bowker, Attorney at law, Indianapolis, Ind.

Chauncey Butler, Manufacturer, Indianapolis, Ind.

Winfield Scott Ray, Journalist, Shelbyville, Ind.

1870.

Stoughton G. Leonard, Indianapolis, Ind.

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1871.

Rev. John H. Hamilton, Syracuse, N. Y.

Rev. Oscar Fitzallen Lane, Bainbridge, Ind.

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1872.

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Rev. Granville P. Peale, Indianapolis, Ind.

1873.

Leonidas W. Benbow, Agent, Galveston, Texas.

1874.

Milton L. Blaney, Merchant, Indianapolis, Ind.

Milton D. Darnell, Bainbridge, Ind.

1875.

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Oliver T. Boaz, Attorney at law, Indianapolis, Ind.

1876.

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1879.

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1880.

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William A. Wilson, Irvington, Ind.

1881.

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1883.

Walter L. Branch, Banker, Kerwin, Kan.

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1884.

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SIGMA (*Princeton College*).

1877.

†George Sidney Aderton, Commission Merchant, St. Louis, Mo.

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1878.

†Robert McCalmont, Attorney at Law, Franklin, Pa.

1879.

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1880.

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THE TAU (*Roanoke College*).

1873.

B. W. Bittle, Manor, Texas.

1876.

Wm. G. Miller, McClelland Co., Kas.

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1877.

W. Asa Pope, Marshall, Texas.

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1879.

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1880.

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1884.

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ton, Miss.

1885.

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1886.

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Va.

THE UPSILON (*Pennsylvania Polytechnic*).

1866.

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1867.

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1868.

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1869.

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1870.

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1871.

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Brooklyn, E. D., N. Y.

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1872.

A. H. Smith, Jr., Philadelphia, Pa.

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†James C. VanDyke, Merchant, Market  
Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

1873.

Conrad M. Harmer, Philadelphia, Pa.;  
dead.

Henry Thomas Luff, Civil Engineer, 1625  
Passaic Av., Philadelphia, Pa.

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1875.

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1876.

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1869.

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1871.

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James H. Rittenhouse, Providence, Pa.

1873.  
†Oliver Brodhead, Delaware Water Gap, Pa.
1874.  
L. Banks Doty, Mifflintown, Pa.
1875.  
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Charles W. Sausser, Merchantsville, N. J.  
Robert A. Stewart, Mercer, Pa.
1876.  
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1877.  
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Clifford M. Sherron, Salem, N. J.  
Charles M. Zahnister, Rochester, N. Y.
1878.  
Torrence Huffman, Dayton, O.  
Edward W. Lyon, Sillgo, Pa.
1879.  
†Charles A. Craighead, Dayton, O.
1881.  
G. R. Radford, *Washington, D. C.*  
E. R. Sponster, New Bloomfield, Pa.
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1860.  
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1861.  
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1867.  
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1868.  
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1869.  
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1871.  
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1873.  
Barnes Reid, Opelika, Ala.
1874.  
Spotswood Dabney Crenshaw, Richmond, Va.  
Edward Reed Memminger, Charleston, S. C.
1875.  
Henry Wilkins Lewis, Lawrenceville, Va.
1876.  
William Guy Neeson, Richmond, Va.
1877.  
William Mahone, Jr., Petersburg, Va.
1878.  
James Roy Micou, Tappahannock, Pa.
1879.  
R. L. Howell, *Wheeling, W. Va.*  
G. E. Owen, Black Walnut, Va.
1880.  
Roswell S. Jones, *Oakland, Cal.*
1881.  
N. P. T. Burke, Alexandria, Va.  
Alfred M. Martin, Brighton, S. C.
1883.  
Robert C. Sanders, Jr., Rocky Mount, Va.  
Benjamin Eugene Bransford, *Richmond, Va.*
1888.  
Julius J. Robertson, *Washington, D. C.*
1884.  
William Harvey Robertson, Washington, D. C.

THE OMEGA (*Northwestern University*).

1878.  
Charles Trumbull.  
1874.  
Albert S. Hough.  
1875.  
†Isaac Eli Lambert, Emporia, Kansas.  
1878.  
†M. L. Anderson, *Ravenswood, Ill.*  
1880.  
W. L. Brown.  
1882.  
Charles H. Owens, *Boone, Ia.*

THE BETA BETA (*Mississippi College*).

1874.  
†Jacob Guy Collins, Raymond, Miss.;  
dead.  
Wm. E. Quin, *Walshall, Miss.*  
Hugh L. Quin, *Walshall, Miss.*  
Hosea W. Rockett, Harrison, Miss.  
1875.  
Charles Wheeler Webb, Clinton, Miss.  
1876.  
Charles Francis Taylor, *Oak Grove, Tex.*  
1877.  
Robert L. Shannon, Okalona, Miss.

THE CHI CHI (*Southern University*).

Thomas M. Byrne, Bluff Springs, Fla.  
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Ala.  
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†Rev. Mark H. Moore, Myersville, Miss.  
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Ala.*  
†Thomas B. Ward, Jr., Greensboro, Ala.

THE EPSILON EPSILON (*Monmouth College*).

1874.  
†Rev. Allen Morrow Acheson, Oakville,  
Ore.

1876.

†Rev. Howard Candor, Missionary, Bogota,  
U. S. C., S. A.  
†Rev. James Alexander Ferguson, Loveland,  
Cal.  
†Rev. Thomas W. Anderson, 150 W. Bid-  
dle Street, Baltimore, Md.

1878.

John C. Barnett, Urbana, O.

1880.

Charles E. Bruen, Emerson, Ia.

THE ZETA ZETA (*Centre College*).

1878.

†Green Howard Putnan, Allerton, Ia.  
Charles McAfer Lewis, *Harrisburgh, Ky.*  
James Nimrod Steele, Hutchinson, Bour-  
bon Co., Ky.

1881.

John Yinger Leming, *Dayton, Ky.*

1882.

George Johnson Allen, Bookkeeper, *Chi-  
cago, Ill.*  
Lyman Boyd Bohan, Harrisburgh, Ky.;  
dead.

1884.

John Irvine Cleland, Richmond, Ky.

1886.

John Murry, M.D., Frankfort, Ky.

1887.

John Miller Craig, Carlisle, Ky.  
Matthias Joseph Holt, Frankfort, Ky.  
Edward Melvine Green, Jr., Danville,  
Ky.

THE TA THETA (*University of Michigan*).

1878.

Thomas Cornelius Logan, Attorney at  
law, Murfreesboro, Ill.

1879.

†Henry Edgar Baker, Merchant, *St. Paul,  
Minn.*  
Wm. Jerome Davis, East Newark, N. J.  
George Haywood, Attorney, St. Paul,  
Minn.

1880.

George Fremont Peabody, Gardner, Mass.  
Isaac T. McCarty, Attorney, Greencastle,  
Ind.

D. Stewart McClure, Attorney, Marlett,  
Mich.

1881.

Benjamin Francis Berry, Detroit, Mich.  
James S. Negley, Jr., 7th Ave., Pittsburgh,  
Pa.

1883.

Betrand Dwight Conklin, Chester, N. Y.  
†Thodore Royer, Chemist, Belleville, Ill.

1884.

†Thomas J. Logan, Attorney, Pierceton,  
Ind.

Edson M. Rowley, Attorney, Crawfords-  
ville, Ind.

Cassius A. Shafer, Attorney, Toledo, O.  
Elizur W. Goodrich, Attorney, Braid-  
wood, Ill.

1886.

Willet E. MacMillan, Paris, Ill.

1887.

Walter S. Blaisdell, Macomb, Ill.

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THE IOTA IOTA (*University of Alabama*).

Kibble Johnson Harrison, Huntsville,  
Ala.

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THE KAPPA KAPPA (*Illinois State  
University*).

1883.

O. Dana Hudgens, Sandwich, Ill.

1885.

George H. Ellis, Chemist.  
Henry Gregory Patterson, Hastings,  
Neb.; dead. Date of death wanted.  
William H. Smith, Salem, Ill.

1886.

DeWitt Smith, Galesburg, Ill.  
Hugo S. Speidel, Rock Island, Ill.  
Henry White Wilder, Champaign, Ill.

THE SIGMA SIGMA (*Hampden-Sidne  
College*).

1873.

Rev. John N. Crawford, Denverton, Cal.  
†J. W. Thackston, Darlington Heights,  
Va.

1874.

†Rev. Orville M. Yerger, Nashville,  
Tenn.

1876.

Edward C. Edmunds, Danville, Va.  
John H. Lacy, Raleigh, N. C.

1877.

Charles E. Bouldon, Drake's Branch,  
Va.

1879.

G. Hilleman Wilson, Richmond, Va.

1880.

M. G. Bain, Portsmouth, Va.  
C. B. Woods, Shelbyville, Ky.

1883.

John L. Lyons, Lawrenceburg, Ky.

1887.

Anthony Brooke Lawson, Upperville,  
Va.

1888.

James Marshall Henry, Richmond, Va.

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THE PHI PHI (*University of Pennsylvania*).

1876.

Frank L. Magee, 251 S. 4th Street, Phila-  
delphia, Pa.

1877.

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Philadelphia, Pa.  
Earl Milton Seltz, 512 N. 5th Street, Phila-  
delphia, Pa.  
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1878.

Ogden Armstrong, 515 S. 41st Street,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Edward J. Smith, 3116 Spruce Street,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

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David R. Mehavay C. E., Marietta, Pa.

1879.

John Dorrance, Wilkesbarre, Pa.

1887.

Millard F. Cyphers, Wilkesbarre, Pa.

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THE ALPHA MU (*Virginia Military Institute*).

1884.

Porter Arnold, Weston, W. Va.

Wilson Arnold, Weston, W. Va.

1885.

John William Wilson, Suffolk, Va.

1886.

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Va.

Edwin Amies Palmer, 311 Franklin St.,  
Richmond, Va.

1887.

George Taylor Langhorne, Lynchburg,  
Va.

1888.

Victor Wilson Flowerree, Vicksburg, Miss.

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THE ALPHA THETA (*Massachusetts Institute of Technology*).

1885.

Daniel A. Campbell, Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Haywood Cochran, B.S., Louisville, Ky.

Robt. B. Moore, Louisville, Ky.

1886.

Jos. S. Boss, New London, Conn.

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Del.

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1887.

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## OUR NEW CHAPTER.

SIGMA CHI has one more jewel of unusual lustre in her coronet of gems, known as Alpha Sigma Chapter, and located at the State University of Minnesota, in the city of Minneapolis.

On Friday evening, December 7, a little band of the followers of Constantine gathered in a suite of rooms at the West Hotel, and entered into earnest debate as to how and in what manner it was best to exercise the goat, imported for that august occasion. The brothers first organized themselves by appointing our old Indiana standby, Chas. H. Enderton, Consul; Chas. Porterfield, Pro-Consul; J. T. M. Stonerod, Custos; F. P. Weadon, Bearer of the Royal Armor; and G. H. Gorman, Royal Cup-Bearer, the last named keeping a large supply of the Royal Blue Beverage on hand. Large supplies of broken ice were obtained, to revive the candidates about to pass through the fearful ordeal; and all the preparations possible, with the limited material at hand, having been completed, the first poor unfortunate was pounced upon and led into the den of torture. One after another passed over the Barbarian border in safety, supported and encouraged by Bros. Weadon and Gorman.

Before adjourning, Bro. Eldridge, as representative of  $\Delta \Delta$  Chapter, Indiana, presented the new chapter with a handsome and unique gavel, gilded and tied with ribbons of blue, the same being a portion of the anatomy of a very dead person, and the duplicate of which only appears in  $\Delta \Delta$  halls. An engraved silver plate attached, informed the inquisitive that this article of virtue was presented "with fraternal greeting to Alpha Sigma Chapter from Delta Delta Chapter,  $\Sigma X$  Fraternity, Purdue University, December 7, 1888." Bro. Meacham, of the new chapter, received the gift and responded therefor. A congratulatory telegram just received from  $\Delta \Delta$  chapter, was read.

The initiatory proceedings being completed, some one inadvertently mentioned supper. Thereupon followed a grand rush, by means of

elevators and various stairways, to the beautiful parlor ordinary, where a repast was spread, too good for most kings. By common consent, Bro. Weadon was placed at the head of the board, and the waiters began the service of ten courses. The feast was garnished with jokes and stories, and time hastened till the hour approached one, when some suggestions tending towards a few speeches met with favor. Richard K. Boney responded in an earnest manner to the sentiment "Our Fraternity;" Chas. H. Eldridge made a few remarks relative to the "End and aim of Our Goat;" and G. H. Gorman, touching lightly upon "The Humorous side of Fraternity Life," went deeply into the serious side, and stirred us up generously in a brilliant peroration, replete with eloquence. Following him, Bros. Enderton, Porterfield and Foland made brief remarks upon fraternity subjects in general, and the new chapter and its prospects in particular. Whereupon, after singing a few Sig songs, furnished by Bro. Eldridge, the gathering dispersed, well pleased with the new chapter, the prosperous outlook for ΣΧ in the Northwest, and very especially the fine collation that had disappeared in such incredibly short time.

The initiates are an intelligent, clean cut, gentlemanly set of fellows, and the honor of our Fraternity is safe in their keeping. They are enthusiastic, energetic and anxious to work. The roll of the new chapter reads: Geo. H. Meacham, '89; Albert A. Dodge, '91; M. H. Gerry, Jr., '90; H. M. Kennedy, '90; W. H. Hoyt, '90; L. McGregor, '89; W. M. Dodge, '90; and D. H. Coffin, '92.

The alumni who assisted at the ceremony and at the board were: R. K. Boney, Beta Beta, Zeta; and Psi, '79, Chas. Porterfield, Zeta, '82, Psi, '84, G. H. Gorman, Zeta, Geo. M. Walter, Theta, '82, J. T. M. Stonerod, Beta, '87, C. H. Enderton, Xi, '82, all of St. Paul; Geo. H. Meacham, Alpha Zeta, '89, F. P. Weadon, Xi, '81, Sydney Watson, Omega, '85, of Minneapolis; W. A. Foland, Lambda, '66, of Benson, Minn.; C. H. Eldridge, Delta Delta, '85, of Duluth, Minn.; and F. P. Tibbitts, Alpha Lambda, '89, of Humbird, Wis.

The Fraternity at large is to be congratulated upon having obtained such a strong foothold in the great, growing Northwest, and to us it appears that the prospects for Sigma Chi advancement and glory in the Minnesota State University are most excellent. *Vive la Sigma Chi!*  
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CULTURE AND POLITICS.—II.

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UNDER the above title, in the November number of the *QUARTERLY*, it was affirmed that in politics the cultured classes are relatively less influential than others, and an attempt was made to set forth the chief reasons in explanation of this fact. In the present article it is proposed to offer a few suggestions as to the best remedies for a state of things which all college men, at least, must deplore.

In the first place, every one will think of the system of culture as the natural place at which to begin reforms. Too often, colleges, instead of preparing men for real life, have turned them out at the close of the course less efficient in practical affairs than when they entered. Evidently enough this ought to be changed. Indeed, we may say that it has been changed, that much has already been done to bring the colleges into better accord with the conditions of modern life. First, in the matter of better physical training, though we are still a long way short of the ideal, yet something, certainly, has been accomplished. This, one may confidently say, is a matter of prime importance. A healthy body develops a more wholesome and sensible way of viewing life generally. More important still, this feature of modern college life secures that hardening of nerve and muscle so essential to fit one for the ruder side of politics. In spite of the seeming brutality of Rugby foot-ball, one cannot help feeling that such play must be very effective in developing that courage and manliness, that general ruggedness of body and temper which, in the last issue, is necessary to assert the authority of the state. A tyrannous prince, and a tyrannous mob, alike respect the liberties of a people, not because they ought, but because they must. One of the most potent forces in securing the ascendancy of the higher classes in England has been the ardent cultivation among them of rough, vigorous out-door sports. In that country, if any head-breaking is to be done, the gentleman expects to win at it. Per contra, we have in the French revolution an illustration of what must be the fate of an aristocracy that has become physically effeminate. Taine notes as typical this fact, that no Jacobin official coming to arrest a suspect ever met with resistance, while in England almost every such arrest would have been the occasion of a fight, or even a local riot. The French aristocracy doubtless possessed high spirit and chivalrous daring, but that rugged manliness which promptly and resolutely resists every invasion of one's individual rights, seems to have been almost entirely wanting. Throughout this period they showed in a remarkable

degree the passive courage which enabled men to die with grace and dignity, but they wholly lacked what the times demanded, that active courage which is determined that, if possible, somebody else shall do the dying. We do, indeed, read of one man in the South of France, against whom many warrants were taken out but who was never arrested because he had armed all his servants, prepared his chateau for resistance, and given out that he would never be taken alive. But he was a monumental exception. Of course our needs are not altogether the same as those of a land in the throes of revolution. Still the difference is mainly one of degree. The ultimate authority in all government is force. Those who are best prepared for the appeal to the last arbiter, will, as a rule, have least occasion to make it. Now and then, mob violence must be met in kind. Political bosses who try to smash the opposition at a primary by getting up a fight, can be met only by superior courage, hardihood and muscle. For such occasions the average graduate of the present day is far better prepared than his predecessors were. Still, much remains to be done. The time should come, doubtless will come, when physical culture will be considered as indispensable to a college course as language or mathematics.

But there are other changes in modern systems of culture which have some relation to this problem of the best preparation for practical life. The modifications of the curriculum are, in my judgment, for the most part advantageous. The atmosphere of mathematics and science, if less refining than that of the classics, is at any rate more bracing. Students whose habits, tastes and general attitude of mind are largely formed in scientific work, seem to have a more wholesome every-day fashion of looking at things. So the more extensive study of history and the general introduction of courses in political economy, politics and other departments of social science, have done much to correct the scholastic tendency toward ideology. College men are getting to be the very last persons who would recommend sudden and sweeping changes in the body politic. Especially has the study of the social sciences, according to the historic method, enabled men to realize the exceeding complexity of society and the vast number and variety of the forces at work therein, and so to realize the danger of making a wholesale application of abstract principles. The development of these studies is also doing a great deal of good by impressing upon the student the importance of problems of this sort, that is, of problems which concern the life of society. He no longer sees all the strong men of his college wholly absorbed in the study of topics which have merely scholastic or theoretic significance. He is, therefore, much less liable to go out feeling only contemptuous indifference toward those burning

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questions which are absorbing the interest and attention of the world about him.

Yet the changed conditions of education do not all tend in the direction of greater practical efficiency. There are two or three notable exceptions. The development of a true university spirit, on which we all are disposed to congratulate ourselves, is not an unmixed good. The spirit which loves truth for her own sake, without thought of the ulterior advantage which devotion to her service will bring, and indeed without thought as to any practical consequences which may follow her revelations—this spirit is the *sine qua non* of high scientific attainments. It must become fully dominant in American university life before we can hope to escape from the position of intellectual colonies to Europe. Naturally enough, then, the development of this spirit should be a prime object in the training of those who aim to become the thought leaders of the future. However, it is by no means so clear that the same course of training is specially adapted for the average student who is hereafter to be devoted to the practical professions, or even, it may be, to business. Because a given characteristic is a good thing in a lawyer, is no proof that it would be in a clergyman. Different functions demand different training. As we have seen, the spirit which holds every proposition by so slight a tenure that its relinquishment on the slightest adverse evidence is perfectly easy, though essential to the scholar, is rather a weakness in the practical man. He must have convictions. It is, indeed, possible absolutely to incapacitate a man for sound judgment on every question of real complexity by an over-development of the scientific spirit. A very frequent phenomenon of our age is a sort of universal agnosticism, the victims of which can appreciate the force of the arguments for and against a given proposition, and are ready to admit the practical importance of coming to a conclusion in the matter, but are simply unable to do so. Men of this class are, as a rule, those who have been trained in the nineteenth century ways of thinking, till the habit of scientific doubt has become a disease. Now this surely is not an ideal sort of culture. We ought, indeed, to be ready to yield to new light, but we ought also to be able to reach convictions. Both sides to a controversy are not right. One must be. A man with a sound, healthy judgment ought to be able to weigh fairly whatever is to be said either way, and then form a conclusion quite adequate to furnish a basis for action. If the habit of impartiality has been developed beyond this it has become, for the practical man at least, a disease. Against such excessive development it is the duty of educators to guard.

Closely allied to the above is another modern tendency which is not altogether to be approved; I mean the tendency toward too early and

too narrow specialization. We hear among teachers a great deal of criticism on our highly diversified curricula. "Be content," they say, "to teach a few things and those well." Now, that this plan has some advantages must of course be admitted. But I decidedly object to the conclusion that it is, on the whole, the best plan. To make men adapted for the general duties of citizenship in republican America, requires a symmetrical culture, and that is to be derived only from a diversified curriculum. Specialization is a necessity under the conditions of modern life, but it should not come too early. Even among university students such specialization should be much more restricted than in Germany.

So much for the modification of educational systems. A second class of remedies involves some change in governmental machinery. Here belongs Albert Stickney's ingenious but quite impracticable election scheme. According to his view, the true way to give the natural leaders of society their due weight in politics, is to have all elections carried on in public meetings; since where men are brought face to face in a deliberative body, superior culture, force of character and probity inevitably make themselves felt. This, of course, involves the abandonment of the ballot, which, according to his view, is less often a protection to the voter's freedom than a cloak behind which greed, envy, prejudice and other mean motives carry on their contemptible work, unexposed and unpunished. There is, doubtless, much truth in this view of the case. But universal experience at the primaries has shown that these same forces work almost as freely at the public meeting, and, besides, are made vastly more potent by their undisguised alliance with intimidation. The scheme might give wealth greater power than at present; but culture would more likely lose than gain. In any case, the plan is so far from any chance of adoption that it merits no further discussion.

Much more practicable, probably, is the plan of civil-service reform. The spoils system puts a premium on that sort of political activity which has for its object, not the public good, but the selfish advantage of the individual. It is therefore inevitable, under our system, that politics will be taken up as a trade by a great number of persons, whose sole qualification is exceptional unscrupulousness. But it is just the presence of this element in such excess which drives away the better classes and, when they do enter public life, compels them to resort to methods for which they have no aptitude, either natural or acquired. Abolish the spoils system, and you will soon have little occasion to complain of "the saloon in politics," or of corrupt rings and bosses. Abolish the spoils system, and you will give the cultured classes a chance to assume their natural leadership; for, where a not-too-keen self-interest is felt,

the masses of men are, at least, fairly susceptible to the influence of those who are their superiors in knowledge and culture. The college man who is not in sympathy with civil service reform, even if he is opposed to particular methods for accomplishing the result, is a politician or thoughtlessly indifferent to the welfare of the nation and to the power of the class to which he belongs.

Of similar value, as increasing the influence of the better classes, is the proposal to disfranchise, for a longer or shorter time, every person who has been convicted of a criminal offense, however small. This is one of the reforms which patriotism and self-interest should alike recommend to the cultured classes.

A third class of remedies would involve changes in party-methods. Thus the general adoption of what is known in Ohio as the Crawford County plan, would probably result in a considerable increase in the political influence of the cultured classes. By this plan the party nominations are determined by an informal ballot of all the members of the party, not at a primary meeting, but at some convenient polling place, which is open long enough to enable all to vote without any loss of time, and without facing the disagreeable accompaniments of an ordinary convention. Of course, even on this plan there will be slates, and the slates will stand a pretty good chance of winning. But there is, at least, some chance that the better elements in the party will have an opportunity to give expression to their preferences.

We have now considered those remedies which involve changes in the system of education, or in governmental machinery, or in the methods of party politics. We have still the possibility of some change in the practice of men of culture themselves. Here, the most usual remedy proposed, is a more active participation in politics. This is the prescription of the professional politician. "Go to the primaries," he says; "take part in practical politics; learn the ropes; show men in general that you do not feel above them, that you are able and fit to lead them, and you will have a chance to do so." Now this sounds very well, and, doubtless, there is some truth in it. But not very much. The source of this prescription is too suspicious. Politicians have no anxiety to diminish their own authority. They can scarcely be trusted to give good advice to those seeking to share it. They fear, and rightly, the independent voter. They, therefore, are anxious enough to increase the number of persons committed to the party program. But they are confident that they will still be able to determine that program. Now is their confidence misplaced? What is the usual consequence of an invasion of the primaries by the better class of citizens? In some of our cities, as Bryce shows in his *American Commonwealth*, they find

that only about twenty per cent. of those who usually vote with the party are inscribed on the party rolls, the rest having been excluded by the vote of those already members, or by their refusal to take the iron-clad oath, or by the fact that at the last election they scratched the ticket. Even if they get in, what chance have they against the Machine which has its slate all prepared? If they show sufficient resolution and numbers to endanger the success of the caucus nominees, the boss brings on a row, and in the melee the chairman declares the slate adopted. A friend, who was a long time a resident of Cleveland, tells me that even in that city, which is of a much higher type than New York, it will frequently happen at the primary that, when a voter desires to cast a ballot against the machine candidates, he finds himself hustled and the way blocked by a good-natured, but determined crowd, till he gives up in despair or the ballot is declared closed.

Even in the country towns he is but little better off. As an honest citizen he goes to the primary to get the best man put up. He therefore finds himself without definite plan pitted against a host of men who evidently have some secret understanding. Before he realizes what is happening, or even, in spite of his earnest protest, the informal ballot is thrown over and the nominees of the ring are presented in effective style to an audience of claquers. Attempting to propose another, he is met by groans and cat-calls, and finds, even when permitted to finish, that he has been talking to a company of men, most of whom had settled the matter before he reached the floor. Occasionally some disgruntled politician undertakes the leadership of the amateurs that have invaded the primary. The result then is quite different. They often before had the numbers, now they have the generalship; and down goes the slate in short order. But what is the result? The regulars, defeated at the primary, "knife" their own candidate; and the victory of the amateurs proves wholly barren. Now this is no accident of particular experience; it is just what might have been anticipated, because it grows out of the very nature of the case. Politics is a trade as well as a profession. It requires training, not only in the best methods of using power, but also in the methods by which power is obtained. For the average citizen, who is most of his time necessarily and properly absorbed in other duties, to pit himself against men to whom politics is a trade, is to invite defeat. The majority of men of sense will not put themselves in such a position very many times. Nor is there much more sense in the wholesale condemnation of "the machine." The acquisition of power under a popular government not only requires training; it also requires an organization. This organization is the Machine. Since it grows out of the nature of circum-



stances, every effort to overthrow it merely results in re-manning the old machine. So the possession of the machine for long periods by a particular set of persons, that is, the existence of rings and bosses, is equally natural and inevitable. Successful organization everywhere involves experience in those who man the organization. Frequent change in the *personnel* of the machine would greatly impair its efficiency. Of course, if one set of men have a grip on the situation for any length of time, they will inevitably tend to sacrifice the interests of the public to their particular private interests,—to become our masters instead of our servants. How shall this be avoided? How shall we secure good service from the machine? I answer, exactly as we do in other departments, *reject their work, if it is unsatisfactory*. If a suit I have ordered does not please me, I do not set about making one myself. I let my tailor try again or I leave the garment on his hands and go to some other shop. If I doubt the wisdom of the course pursued by my family physician, I do not begin to prescribe myself, but call some other member of the profession. So it should be in politics. Because I am dissatisfied with one boss is no proof that no boss is needed, or that I could make a better one myself. The true way to make my influence felt is to induce the boss to pay attention to my wishes in his method of doing a work for which he is much more competent than I. To secure this result I must convince him that his failure thus to regard my wishes will result in the loss of his power.

I would say, then, that the true attitude of those citizens who do not propose to make a business of politics is, while connecting themselves with one of the two dominant parties, to hold themselves in such relation to the organization, that a failure of its leaders to make the nomination which, under all the circumstances, is the best possible, will insure their prompt and general refusal to support such nominees. This, and this only, will bring the leaders to their senses. Sometimes this will involve voting with the opposite party; sometimes setting up an opposition ticket; sometimes putting forward a citizens' ticket; sometimes organizing a third party. The first plan is, in the nature of the case, the most effectual if it can be carried out; but it is also the most difficult. It is most effectual, because then every vote counts twice against the obnoxious boss, since it is taken from his vote and given to the one of his rivals who has the best chance. It is the most difficult, because thoughtful men are loth to support, even for a single election, a party against which they have all their lives contended, especially as they do not usually find the nominees of that party any better than their own. I confess it seems to me perfectly justifiable, since the end is not to bring about an immediate improvement of matters, but to secure

from one's own party boss more faithful service. If we can accomplish this, we can be sure of good candidates at the next election. Besides, the term of office is commonly so short, that the election of the less satisfactory candidate is not a matter of any great moment, provided the way is being prepared for a better order of things in the future. But of course, in deciding what plan to adopt, we must take into account circumstances and the condition of public sentiment.

In applying this loose allegiance policy, it should be remembered that its success depends as much on our being ready to *return* to the party as to *leave* it. On this account the fourth plan, that is, the forming of a third party, involves considerable chance of failure. If the new party gets to claiming our loyalty in the same fashion as do the hack politicians, and if we get in the way of yielding to that demand, the effectiveness of the bolt is almost wholly destroyed. To give party leaders the impression that nothing will bring us back to their support, is as fatal as to give them the impression that nothing they can do will drive us away. The attitude of the Prohibitionist who says "I will never again vote with either of the ruling parties," and the attitude of the Anti-saloon Republicans, who say "Listen to us, but if you do not, we will still vote with you," are equally silly.

Of course, it is of great importance not to carry this notion of bolting too far. To demand that the party leaders should accept our particular programme, when it would mean certain defeat, is absurd. The first condition of accomplishing any good through the state is to get power. If the leaders, by falling in with our ideas, should necessarily drive away more votes than they would retain, they would be very silly to pay any attention to us. We must bide our time and not ask unreasonable concessions.

I have thus far argued for the potency of the loose-allegiance plan from the standpoint of reason and common sense; it should be added that experience every day demonstrates the truth of this position. There is one class in society which, under the *regime* of universal suffrage, everywhere and always exercises disproportionate influence. Good men bewail the fact, they protest against it, they strive to bring about a change, but all in vain. The class thus favored unfortunately is not the best but the worst. The keepers and frequenters of saloons, the half-criminal classes, the newest and lowest immigrants, the floating, vagrant population of our great cities, the vicious elements of society generally, count as much as ten or a dozen men of the better classes. How is this to be explained? Simply enough;—"the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light." The classes named hold themselves always in readiness for a stampede from those leaders who

will not regard their wishes. They take part in their party caucus, and, if defeated, they "knife" every candidate who displeases them. The politician, consequently, feels obliged to pay attention to their demands. Not so with the masses of intelligent law-abiding citizens. Among them there are so many differences of opinion, so much sensitiveness about seeming to go together like a flock of sheep, that their power to determine the policy of party leaders seems almost in inverse ratio to their fitness. If it were well understood that the opponents of saloon domination and of the spoils system, who constitute by all odds a majority of the members of one party in the North, were ready to bolt without scruple the leaders who failed to respect their wishes, the saloon, as a power in politics, would be overthrown in a single year. But the bosses know that they can depend on the long-suffering and tender mercy of the higher classes, as they never could on that of the saloon element. They therefore make verbal concessions to the former, and reserve the real ones for the latter.

Now what the vicious classes do from unscrupulous selfishness, the better citizens ought to do from principle. Why are men of intelligence continually caught by the politicians' cry of party loyalty? A party is not an end in itself. It is only a means. If it fails to accomplish any good end, one ought to feel no more sentiment in discarding it than in throwing away a broken tool. Especially is this true when, as is usually the case, loyalty to the party means nothing more than loyalty to a corrupt ring or to a contemptible boss.

If, now, the soundness of the above argument be admitted, it is evident that the real hope of the nation is in the growth of a class of voters who, while recognizing the value and importance of party organization, and so habitually acting with some party, are after all bound to the party by so slender a thread that they always stand ready to vote against its candidate whenever the interests of good government demand such action. To take such an attitude is, then, the duty of every good citizen, but pre-eminently of the distinctively cultured classes. They are, or ought to be, freest from the fanaticism which often marks even the best of the half-cultured classes. They ought to be most competent to look below the prejudices and passions of the hour, and see the real issues of the conflict. They ought to be above the illusion which sees only good in one party, only evil in another. They ought to be most indifferent to the jeers and chidings of the hack politicians. Finally, in no position as simple citizens can they make their culture so potent to secure the triumph of good government.

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## MEXICAN STUDENTS.

WHENEVER one attempts to pass judgment upon a whole class of persons, it seems it would be very convenient never to lose sight of the advice which Lord Chesterfield gave to his son, and, in the present case, double care and precaution are needed on account of the peculiar circumstances in which an American who has come to Mexico, studied along with Mexican students, and who undertakes to treat them justly, finds himself. If he praises them, Americans will most undoubtedly say it is a shrewd policy which guides him, and that he sacrifices truth to convenience; if he censures them, why could not Mexicans say, with equal justice, that all is due to national prejudice? Such reflections make the writer hesitate, and it is to be feared that the outcome will be similar to that which generally results from falling into doubt and studying over the spelling of a word: the more one thinks and reasons and chooses, the surer one is to take the wrong road. A type of a student is to be chosen: by selecting a friend, the picture may result too favorably; if one whose lot it has been to displease, be submitted to examination, it would be more than human if the sentence were fair. There remains, then, only the indifferent man; but, to confess the truth, one who neither pleases nor displeases, who fails to excite either envy or love, must surely have no character; he is the same great nothing the world over. What must be done, then, is to take a little of one kind and a little of another, sufficient of each to make a good average.

The majority of students in the state capitals come from the smaller towns where they receive but a primary education, and afterwards come to enter the preparatory institution where they are taught about the same studies which our high school courses comprehend. As their parents are, in a great part, poor people, their homes are not very luxurious, nor are they themselves exactly what we would call well bred: nevertheless this rudeness is rather an effect of exterior circumstances than of any intrinsic quality of the boys. They are naturally of a chivalrous disposition, and you will soon comprehend the truth of the matter when you see a poor little fellow talk to you, hat in hand, and yet, when he comes to the table, plant his elbows upon it in the most independent way, and, after a meal has been eaten, you must not be surprised at seeing him fill his mouth with water and, when he has rinsed his teeth, squirt it out on the floor (that of his own house was an earthen one and there was no carpet on it to dampen or soil); and again, if he

finds a bone in his meat, he will not make use of his fork in order to carry it from his mouth to his plate, but unconcernedly spit it where the dog will recognize it for his own. Such he is and so he behaves, when he first arrives.

The first thing to be done in the way of ushering our young friend into city life is the appointment of a ward whose duty it is to look after his necessities and be on the alert as to his conduct. The person selected for such a purpose is generally one of influence and good social standing, but the why and wherefore of this discrimination will be left for the reader to surmise. This done, the boarding house is to be sought, if it so happens that there are no places for boarders in the same school. Once installed, Minerva's new votary has but to await the opening day, and it is to be supposed that a thousand dreams of greatness float through his brain, and he already imagines himself pouring forth the flowery speeches of Castelar, or writing the world-famous novels of a Cervantes, if, perchance, his ignorance of such persons or things does not reduce him to setting as his ideal some local notoriety. The first few days at school seem to be a sort of mysterious existence; the sedate monitors, the learned and inaccessible masters, and the jibes of the upper grade boys dumbfound him, and so at first he causes little trouble as far as conduct is concerned; but he is quick to learn and, ere many days, he is into all kinds of mischief. A few months serve to polish him off in fine style; he begins to like nicely blacked boots and to be disgusted with the angular cut of his coat, and, at this early stage of his development, displays undoubted tendencies toward one of the most universal human weaknesses, a love for good clothes. His table manners have suffered a wondrous change; he makes a lengthy excuse for asking one to pass a dish, and no longer rests his elbows on the table. Pride, too, comes in to play her part, and if one calls him a *ranchero* (country-jake), he will consider himself grossly insulted; he now speaks of the country folk solely in the third person.

After this, little change is to be noted until that metamorphosis which takes place when the student passes from the preparatory school to the college, or, one might say, when he ceases to be a boy in order to become a young man, and then is seen that new era marked by the suddenly developed love for a walking-stick and for poetry. Cupid now begins to set in vibration every fibre of his heart, and it is quite natural to expect that, if he was before little given to hard study, he is less than ever inclined to waste the midnight oil in trying to satiate his thirst for knowledge, but he will quote long passages from Acuna's ardent verses, and criticise, with a sort of professional authority, the bold flights of the local orators, or dissolve himself into ohs! of admiration over the great

Hugo's works. But now he is a man, his moustache is sprouting; life must be practical, for we are living in the enlightened nineteenth century and, in order to keep pace with the times, he considers theory but the ravings of old fogies, and so our young devotee of *Æsculapius* or *Lycurgus* goes to compounding prescriptions or writing in the courts, as the case may be. Between this daily occupation and his girls, or the billiard table at night, one is quite willing to confess that life has become altogether too practical. But just here we see one of the most pleasant features of Mexican character display itself—friendship. School-companions become friends and that in a true, genuine way. They always have a generous feeling toward each other which manifests itself in their being ever ready to help those of their kind in case of any emergency. These class ties last through life, and old men are often seen to embrace one another under the magic effect of the word "*Campanero*" (companion), and who will be so unfeeling as to deny that the conviction of being sure to find some one to sympathize with us always, makes life's trials lighter?

Of course there are black sheep among them as there are among every class of people in every part of the world, and one not unfrequently meets with the sponger (*caballero de industria*), who attends all of the swell balls, dresses in the latest fashion, though I suppose he might stammer if one were to ask him suddenly when he paid his tailor, dances perfectly, tells all about the little love affairs that are going the rounds, for he knows everyone who figures in society, and, last but not least, takes you around to the corner restaurant in order to have a little confidential chat between friends (*entre amigos*) and there, to break the monotony of the small talk, complains of hard times and, with a thousand excuses, begs the loan of five dollars for only two weeks; that is to say, it will be a loan for two weeks, and after that, a gift. There you have the opposite character of the fellow who never wishes you to spend a cent, but offers to lend you money, and means it.

Students sometimes meddle in politics here and are then fiery and turbulent, but as a general thing they are content to let affairs plod along as they will, till they have finished their school life.

On the whole, if any one desires to be well treated by Mexican students, he will find that he has but to do as he would be done by, and he may be assured that no friendly advances on his part will ever be rejected. Well-behaved foreigners could hardly expect better treatment than they receive in Mexico, despite the hot accusations poured out upon her by some whose motives it were well, perhaps, not to examine. The Mexican student of to-day, freed from the fanatical opinions of his ancestors, and educated in the liberal principles of the

times, bids fair to play an important part in the history of the future, for talent and just ambition are not lacking. They represent the highest intellectual development in their country, as does the American student in the United States, and both, by schooling themselves in mutual good-will, will undoubtedly contribute to awakening a generous feeling and deep sympathy between the sister Republics.

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## Editorial.

### PROVINCIAL CONVENTIONS.

By reference to several of the Chapter Letters from the Third Province, it will be seen that the proposed Provincial Convention at Delaware, Ohio, promises to be a great success. Grand Prætor Stilwell has secured the assurance of a sufficient delegation from his various chapters, to meet in Delaware within the course of the next two months—the exact date having not been decided as yet. The young chapter which is now so creditably representing Sigma Chi, where for an uninterrupted period of thirty years, she was so highly successful, is very willing and able to make the convention pleasant for every one. Delaware is a central location for the majority of the chapters of the province, and will prove a good rendezvous. Beta, Alpha Gamma, and Mu, will send large delegations, and in consideration of their nearness, could not be excused for doing otherwise. Zeta Psi and Zeta Zeta, though more southern, will probably have several delegates. Eta and Alpha Omicron are a long way off, but they will probably authorize some member to act for them, and thus have a voice in the proceedings. Let every one who can be present. Alumni can materially strengthen the interest and value of the business proceedings especially. The country surrounding Delaware is full of Sigs, and every one of them who can should be present.

Grand Prætor Merrill had a conference with some Alpha Delta men recently, which led to the general desire for a meeting of the Chapters of the First Province. We have suggested Philadelphia as the place for the Convention, unless some centrally located active chapter desires to entertain. That city has so many enthusiastic alumni, that it would be a mutual benefit to them and to the active members to meet one another in convention.

The fourth Province—the Indiana Chapters—have a good opportunity to meet in Indianapolis, just before the State Oratorical Association convenes. A banquet of Indiana Sigdom has often been held at this time, and if the Sigma Chis would arrange to be on hand a few days earlier than the contest, much good fraternity work could be done.

The regular Biennial Conventions of the Fraternity are so influenced by the presence of alumni, that the real sentiment of the active membership is generally more unreservedly expressed in provincial conventions. Think not that because no authoritative action is taken on the



vote of these conventions, that they are without value in a practical way to the delegates or to the fraternity at large. The resolutions passed, often after an exceedingly valuable debate, will be presented to the whole fraternity, and be powerful in molding the opinions of the order. Let us not neglect the holding of our Provincial Conventions. Other fraternities are holding their district or state meetings. Sigma Chi must be equally as faithful and progressive. Let every alumnus and active member communicate with his Grand Prætor, and give him assurance of hearty co-operation.

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### THE CATALOGUE.

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THE biographical material for the forthcoming Catalogue, has been very much improved by the information which has been sent in response to our call in the November QUARTERLY. The work of securing complete data concerning all "defectives," will be carried on as the printing progresses, and no effort to reach the lost will be relaxed till the biographical matter has been printed finally and unchangeably in page form. A prospectus of the book, giving a table of the principal contents, and samples of the biographical matter is being sent to each member with his own biography. This is accompanied by a circular, asking for all necessary corrections and additions to the recipient's biography, for information concerning the "defectives" of his chapter, and for the filling of a blank form of subscription, which is also enclosed. The number of subscriptions received so far relieves the editors from any serious prospect of interruption in their work because of financial embarrassment, but still *every* subscription which can be secured is absolutely needed, in order to prevent the incurring of a debt.

The feature of illustration (which will be as unique as successful), will alone cost as much as the assessment of the active chapters amounted to. We depend entirely on the loyalty of alumni in meeting a great part of the printer's bills. Remember, then, when your biography reaches you, not only to return it corrected, but also to *enclose the blank form of subscription properly filled*.

Sigma Chi is to have her Catalogue. Part of the book has already been printed, and the remainder is being pushed as speedily as possible.

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FRANK L. SHULL, of Delta Chi Chapter, has been unanimously elected Grand Prætor of the Fourth Province, by the Grand Council, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Howard M. Gordon of Xi. All communications should be addressed to him at 608 W. Wabash Ave., Crawfordsville, Indiana.

## The Greek Press.

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THE January number of the *Shield*, of Phi Kappa Psi, gives no evidence that its editor was suffering from an attack of remittent fever, in any of its pages except that on which such an announcement is made. An ailment no more serious than remittent fever, would be considered by us nothing short of a luxury if "important details" could be so successfully "delegated to other hands," and if we had such "volunteer assistance at our call." The next time we are in straits, we will try the remittent fever plea in the hope that our "mournful muse soft pity will infuse," and that some of the literary geniuses of Sigma Chi will rush to fill the breach.

Dr. Robert Lowry, who is the editor of a new song book which Phi Kappa Psi is arranging to publish, opens the January number by an article on the "March of Song."

A Threnody, in memory of one of the friends of the poet, who has recently died, contains much of true poetic beauty. In the third stanza we find :

In vain on seas of searching we embark  
 To map the courses of that law divine  
 Which sets the seal-print of a far design  
 Upon this young life's tragedy. God's arc  
 Is drawn from distances too vast to mark  
 The curve through which He bends the rigid line  
 To His own thought ; in that short length's confine  
 We see as tangent struck into the dark.

A writer, in a communication on "Wearing the Pin," very aptly asks : "The Mason clings to his charm ; the Grand Army man to his button ; and why should not the Phi Psi, even in the rush of business, cling to his pin ?"

The following may well be put to the constant thought of every active member of Sigma Chi who has the progress of his chapter at heart :

The fraternity of the future will live in chapter houses. It will be a householder in the dual capacity of landlord and tenant. It will sit under its own vine and fig tree, and put its legs under its own table where its peculiar gastronomic tastes will be satisfied. It will toast its feet at its own fireside, and say its prayers at its own bedside. We must get ready for the future with all its demands, and the best time to begin is the present. I am glad to know

that this question is being seriously and practically considered by a number of our chapters. The fact is, no organization can stand still and live. The restless energy of the age demands progressive activity. Our attention in the past has been devoted to the improvement of our scheme of government, but now that this question is substantially settled we instinctively look around for a new field of operation. Some have out their telescopes and are scanning the heavens for a new star to be added to our galaxy of chapters. Others with microscopes are dissecting the bacteria in our present body politic, or trying to diagnose a condition of disease which may or may not exist. All this may be well enough, but I would suggest that there be a united effort in the line of chapter houses. Not that chapters should attempt the impossible, but that they begin the accumulation of a fund for the future erection of chapter houses. We are inclined to be impatient and fail to appreciate the results which a few years of united effort will accomplish. We live in the present, we are concerned with the demands of the present—the future must take care of itself, but a longheaded policy will take in the stretch of years and consider our duty in the light thereof.

The Chapter Letter from the University of Minnesota, speaks thus of the advent of our Alpha Sigma, or rather, of an amusing feature connected with it :

As was predicted in one of our previous letters, the Sigma Chi came out with a banquet at the West Hotel on the evening of December 7. Their appearance at school next day was the occasion of a considerable uproar in the "lower hall," for in attempting to "bounce" them the students were interfered with by a young instructor, who, by his indiscreet threats of expulsion, made himself the object of much good-natured raillery, and narrowly escaped receiving that which he had tried to prevent.

The editor of the *Key* once naively said that as the editor of the *Shield* considered his journal the most cherished ambition of his life, she would refrain from passing judgment on that wherein a fellow mortal had staked his all. Nevertheless, we make bold to ask why the editor should fear lest some one should call his excerpts from the fraternity press, an "exchange department." A bold, frank and courteous interchange of opinions as to the merits of particular issues of fraternity organs, seems to us to be fraught with too much of value to be emasculated by mere quotation.

The editor of the *Shield* has our thanks for his very practical panhellenism shown in furnishing information to us concerning several names on our list of "defectives" for the forthcoming Catalogue.

The *Arrow* of Pi Beta Phi (formerly the I. C. Sorosis), came to us in "holiday number" style, last December, having been materially enlarged and improved. The general excellence of the *Arrow* is, in a great measure, the result of the progress of Pi Beta Phi as a fraternity. The seventeen chapters of the fraternity were all represented at the convention held in Ottumwa, Iowa, October 16, 17 and 18, 1888. The exercises were closed by a reception, at which ninety members of the fraternity were present. The unanimous decision of the delegates in favor of adopting a Greek name (though, since 1867, the fraternity had been known as the "I. C. Sorosis"), indicates a harmonious spirit of progress in the order. During the past two years, chapters have been established at the University of Michigan, Franklin College, Indiana, and Hillsdale College, Michigan. As to the wisdom of the choice of personnel and institution in the two first named, we desire to bear personal testimony. Pi Beta Phi, pursue, in the future, the golden mean in extension that you have in the past two years, and you will then be satisfied in your yearnings "for a fraternity that shall blend the ideas of noble college women of America; for an eastern conservatism that shall hold within bounds our western enthusiasm; for the northern heart to brave to dare and do, softened by the sweet graces of Dixie's daughters."

The *Scroll* for February, contains an extended article on the "First Greek Letter Society." Though the historical facts were given in the main in the *Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly* for October, 1886, there is so much in the subject which is of interest to all Greeks, that the same facts will bear reconstruction and addition.

The objects of the five original members of Phi Beta Kappa, who, at William and Mary College, Virginia, on January 5, 1777, swore to be "deeply attached to this our growing fraternity," are shown to be "the cultivation of polite literature within a circle of congenial associates, and the promotion among themselves of refined good fellowship." The "striking similarity" between this organization of five such rare good fellows, made "in the confusion of the times" at old William and Mary to the later Greek Letter fraternities, might be called "identity," as far as essentials go.

The following reference to the present status of Phi Beta Kappa, closes the article :

For many years the exercises of the society, where any have been held, have consisted of the public delivery of literary addresses and reading of poems by distinguished members during commencement week, accompanied sometimes with banquets. The society has been too formal in character to be a success

as an active factor in college life. An earnest effort to revive it to a more active existence was made by the Harvard chapter in 1881, in which year that chapter celebrated its hundredth anniversary. In response to an invitation, delegates from a majority of the chapters met at Cambridge in June, 1881. After discussing the possibility of bringing the chapters into closer relations it was decided to meet again in the fall. At the meeting in October following, sixteen chapters were represented. It was resolved to create a National Council, composed of delegates from all chapters, and a committee was appointed to prepare a uniform constitution and form of initiation. At a meeting held at Saratoga in September, 1882, the committee reported a constitution which was unanimously adopted. It was provided that the National Council should have the power of granting charters, and that it should meet every third year beginning with 1883. The life of the organization, however, was taken away when its secrets were exposed. There is no hope for it ever to amount to any thing but an honorary society.

Such has been the romantic history of the venerable  $\Phi B K$ . It has become so emasculated that it hardly resembles its former self. In all essentials, it originally was a society of nearly the same nature as those that have been founded during the present century, and which have become such prominent features in American colleges. The young Virginians of the Revolutionary epoch, scions of the first families in the Old Dominion, had the right conception of the ideal fraternity.

The Harrison reminiscences in the October (1888) numbers of the *Scroll*, proved so valuable and interesting that a second edition was necessary. We think the space devoted to these reminiscences could not have been filled in a way more beneficial to Phi Delta Theta, and more interesting to the outside world.

In view of the tardiness of several of our Associate Editors (causing delay in this issue), the words of the Exchange Editor of the *Kappa Alpha Journal* for January, seem particularly *apropos* :

The number of letters in this issue of the *Journal* is not so large as usual, attributable, perhaps, to the season. No holiday should prevent the writing of a chapter letter, for without them the *Journal* is to a great extent a failure; in fact, this department is necessarily a prime feature of any fraternity organ, being the means of sending the watchword down the line and of arousing enthusiasm in every camp.

The quality of the letters and the style of the writing is gradually improving, although very few are long enough, or show care enough in the collection of news, many attempting to supply this need with a declaration of loyalty to the crimson cross, etc.

The position of chapter correspondent is one of great importance, ranking almost as high as any chapter office. The men chosen for the position should

be among the best and most experienced members. Thought should be given by them to every fraternity question arising either within or without the columns of the *Journal*, and after a canvass of the opinion of the chapters these should be expressed in their letters. Care should be taken in speaking of other fraternities in any manner but courteously, and, we regret that we must say it, pains must be taken in the mechanical part of the letter. We dare say that letters come to the *Journal* in shape that no C. S. would think of leaving an essay upon which he was to be graded. To the new correspondents we recommend the simple form of letters printed below. No further beginning or ending is desired save signature. If anything of a letter to us is written, put it on a separate sheet.

The following objection of a chapter correspondent (from the University of Virginia) to a department of the *Journal* of a decidedly political character, is well founded, we think :

With all due respect to Brother L., and without doubting his ability in the least, it seems to us that the "Observatory" department might be omitted. We see enough of politics in the newspapers without having them inserted in our *Journal*.

The editorial and exchange departments are full of good will to the Hellenic world, as evidenced by the following sentiments :

TO ALL WORTHY GREEKS.  
 Happy New Year,  
 Full of good cheer,  
 Throughout the Hellenic land,  
 May quarrels cease,  
 And love increase  
 In every tribe and band.  
 Bound together—each to the other—  
 Let's work for the good of all ;  
 At duty's note from the bugle's throat,  
 Let each one answer the call.  
 Then up and about with a lusty shout,  
 As we muster our forces strong,  
 We'll war for the right with all our might,  
 And put down every wrong.  
 And when the year  
 Has closed for us here,  
 And our victories have been won,  
 May each receive  
 In taking leave  
 The plaudit of " Well done ! "

The *Rainbow* ( $\Delta T \Delta$ ), of December last, is very creditable to its new management—editors and publishers—both of whom are now located at Chattanooga, Tennessee.

"A Review" of the article on "College Fraternities," published in the *Century* of last September, contains some good points, and is summarized after this fashion :

The article is disappointing in every other feature, and its title should have run something in this way, "Designs of Lodges belonging to various social organizations in certain American colleges."

The author knows nothing about the existence of  $\Delta T \Delta$ , for which we can forgive him, being extremely modest, and of such a retiring disposition that we should blush to see our name in print, but can he be excused for knowing nothing of  $\Sigma A E$ , the fraternity of most exclusiveness in the South,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  the most charitable of fraternities, and  $\Sigma X$ , the fraternity which has the finest constitution among its sisters?—to say nothing of lesser lights between which we will not make invidious comparisons by naming (*sic*).

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The Western societies originated the idea of fraternity journalism, and they have carried it to a greater degree of practical perfection than their Eastern compeers. They have become better organized, they are more nearly run on business principles, their conventions are beyond comparison in the matter of the sobriety of those attending. There is greater cordiality among the members of the various chapters, in fact, they are more representative of the best features of American college life, but they are not so wealthy as their Eastern colleagues, their chapter houses are few ; "They think themselves fortunate if they have at their command the bare necessities of life," hence they are scarcely worthy of mention in an article on College Fraternities.

An article on "Will Carleton at Home," taken from the *New York Mail and Express*, gives a very interesting peep at the every-day life and character of this popular poet, who is one of the gods of Delta Tau Delta.

Alumni of Sigma Chi, hear these words of wisdom and act upon them !

Anent the question, "How to organize and interest the alumni in the workings of the fraternity, and in the journal," we have an inclination to suggest that the alumni ought to organize themselves. There is no particular reason, either, why the members of that honorable aggregation should need any coddling from their respective chapters to interest them in a journal that is published as much for them as for the chapters. With the support that is due from the alumni, the fraternity could give them a magazine more than worth the subscription price, from a literary standpoint alone.

Suppose all of "ye brithers" receiving this number try the experiment of

contributing your mite of fraternity news for the amelioration of the magazine, and your financial support to the extent of the subscription price, for the relief of the business manager.

"The *Chi Phi Quarterly* was easily recognized in the next who appeared. He was dressed in a tight-fitting suit of pale blue, trimmed with a darker shade. Personally, he was a decided blonde—a good Anglo-Saxon type, with a slender but sinewy figure, and an honest, though somewhat boyish voice. He seemed a thoroughly attractive fellow, and the others looked at him rather enviously." These words from the *Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly*, characterize very fairly, though allegorically, the issue of the *Chi Phi Quarterly* of last November. The voice is far from boyish, however, which speaks these golden words as to the qualities desirable in new men, for the older one grows, the more is he convinced of their truth.

Character is most to be considered in the selection of men, for without a foundation laid in purity of character, no permanent congeniality can be had. The scion of a wealthy house may be the veriest blackguard. Political or forensic honors showered upon the parent are not rewards of merit to the son. Ecclesiastical preferment of the elder is by no means indicative of true gentility in the younger generation. The prime requisites to be considered in the candidate are not, "Is he rich or poor," or "Is his family aristocratic;" for his wealth or poverty may prove of little concern; and the pretensions of his family may affect his fraternity still less. Is he a gentleman? What is his character? Is he likely to be congenial? Given proper replies to these questions, and when in after years the reason of his membership is sought, but one answer can be made.

We would suggest that not only does the need of the "Fraternity Work," pointed out in the following excerpt, exist, but likewise, the necessity of training one's self for that work:

There is a sort of fraternity work which may be classed as accidental, which, in a number of our colleges is termed "spiking," "pledging," and various other names indicative of the use of the persuasive faculties, unthought of by those who have never participated in such work. We say "accidental" advisedly, because the nature of the work depends upon the exigencies of the moment, the amount of desirable fraternity material, and the number of those selected for membership. The ideal condition of a fraternity is, of course, one in which its offer of membership shall not necessarily be accomplished by persuasion of considerable duration; but there is no college fraternity in existence that is so preëminently above all others that its membership is invariably to be accepted without a word or more of good substantial reasoning as to why it is better than all others accessible. Especially is this true in colleges where the number of fraternities represented is large.



The *Shield*, of Theta Delta Chi is again open to the world, but bears on its cover the evidence that the "person" thereon engraved, was not quite ready for the disclosure. In fact, she seems to have been posing for the artist on the marble slabs in the steam room of a Turkish bath.

The general tone of the opening poem, and of the whole number, is that

"We owe a life of striving with purpose pure and high,  
To honor, friends and duty and Theta Delta Chi,"

all of which is more interesting, very naturally, to members of the fraternity than to a hungry exchange editor seeking what he may devour.

The typographical execution of the *Shield* is of a high character, and, along with some good poetry, well selected college notes, and a good treatment of exchanges, makes us very glad that the *Shield* is not, in the future, to hide its light under a bushel.

The *Delta*, of Sigma Nu, for December, contains a sound letter on "The Greeks at Yale," which was called forth by an article advising the entrance of Sigma Nu into Yale College. The fraternity situation at that institution is well and accurately set forth, as far as our own investigation of the subject has led us to believe:

In the first place let us consider the statistics. In round numbers there are 1,000 students, only 300 of whom are fraternity men, thus offering 700 men, one-seventh of whom, or 100, are eligible for membership to Greek letter societies, or in other words, might be formed into five strong chapters of as many fraternities, which is to say that there is room for five more fraternities in Yale. Let us see: Of the 300 fraternity men we find 125 belong to the *Junior* class of the regular Academic department, and the remaining 175 are distributed about equally among the *general fraternities*  $\Delta \Psi$ ,  $X \Phi$ , etc., in the *Sheffield Scientific School*. A further examination shows that the 125 fraternity men in the Junior class are about evenly divided between  $\Delta K E$  and  $\Psi T$ . Sporadic attempts are made by other fraternities to gain a foothold at Yale, but everything points to the idea that (to paraphrase) "Men of the East, ye are exceeding superstitious," inasmuch as nearly everything goes down before the two fraternities now existing, and these by long custom and practice are strictly Junior class societies, having nothing in common with the Greek chapters of the West and South. For years  $\Delta \Delta \Phi$ , a powerful member of the powerful Eastern group, maintained its own as a Junior society, but in an ill-advised moment defied custom, attempted to become a regular four-year chapter and—died. This chapter was recently revived with a Freshman, Sophomore, Junior and Senior membership of sixty, and the bracing promise, by the enthusiastic father of a Freshman, of

\$100,000 with which to build and furnish a chapter house. Even with this strong moral, numerical and financial backing, grave doubts are expressed about its success. To meet the inevitable—that is, that the average eligible man will, when he becomes a Junior, ally himself with either  $\Delta K E$  or  $\Psi T$ ,  $B \Theta \Pi$ , and may be others, grants its undergraduate members leaving an institution a dispensation carrying with it the privilege of joining another fraternity, provided  $B \Theta \Pi$ 's "dorg" has not a kennel in the college where the student expects to enter. The salutatorian of the class of '81 was a member of  $\Delta K E$  and  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ , so the writer inferred from a conversation with that gentleman. Now,  $\Sigma N$  demands all of a man's loyalty, and holds constitutionally that he can serve but one master. So, in sifting the matter, we find that instead of 70 per cent of "barbs" from which to organize a chapter we have but about 25 per cent, a proportion of non-fraternity men already too small, and one Sigma Nu would scarcely wish to further decrease by establishing there. Because if  $A \Delta \Phi$ , with her power in the East, died when it became unconventional, how could we hope to succeed unless we followed the dictates of custom and confined ourselves to the Junior class and the Sheffield Scientific School, with the prospect, as just cited, of choosing men from the residuum after  $\Delta K E$ 's and  $\Psi T$ 's filtration. It must be borne in mind too that  $\Delta K E$  would be met, not as we meet it at Theta, Zeta and Beta, where we are of equal or even of superior prestige, but as a native-born citizen of nearly a half-century's continued residence.

In an editorial, we are informed that Sigma Nu has lived just twenty years, during which time twenty-five chapters have been founded, twenty-one of which are now in existence. The Beta Phi, recently established at Tulane University (where our Alpha Omicron is located), is the latest name on the roll.

The *Record*, of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, for last November, contains a communication advocating the placing of alumni of defunct chapters under the immediate care of some active chapter. The writer thinks that the "adopted sons" would be awakened to new zeal in the fraternity, and would be very willing to act with their foster-parent. We are inclined to believe that they would not, in our fraternity at least, and would much prefer financially and morally to assist the progress of the order through stimulus from the governmental headquarters. Many of our chapters have failed to take care of their own alumni (painfully illustrated in our search for catalogue material), and how could we expect them to keep a living communication with alumni of some defunct chapter? We think, also, that our chapters have more sympathy with and knowledge of our alumni than Sigma Alpha Epsilon's, judging from the meagre number of alumni (headed "The Faithful Few"), who sub-

scribe for the *Record*. If the central organization—the Grand Council—of a fraternity has not the resources necessary to overcome the apathy of alumni of defunct chapters, it ought to be made strong enough for the purpose instead of being forced to entrust such important functions to the chapters.

The "Selections from Exchanges" are so good that we desire to reprint part of one taken from the *Chi Phi Quarterly*:

Among those fraternities which are strictly Southern in their origin may be mentioned Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Kappa Alpha, and Sigma Nu. Of these three the first is especially strong in Georgia, having chapters in four of the State institutions, and a number of prominent Georgia alumni. Its Beta at the University of Georgia has long been considered its banner chapter, this being the mother-chapter of the fraternity as well as that from which the  $\Sigma A E$  *Record* has been issued during the past year. A careful communication with men from various Southern colleges shows that it may be stated with fairness that Kappa Alpha, as a strictly Southern fraternity deserves the palm. The life of her various chapters evidences a robustness which augurs well for the future of the fraternity. Sigma Nu, the third fraternity mentioned, is yet in its infancy, and this fact makes comparison somewhat unfair. Of the numerous Northern and Western fraternities represented in the South, Phi Delta Theta probably excels all others in the number of its chapters and the size of its membership. This may be cited, however, to its disadvantage, for the tendency of this fraternity and its chief fault in the South of recent years has been the formation of chapters whose very size precludes most of the close relations of fraternity life, and nullifies by this means the advantage contained in the end. It was only a few months ago that the fraternity world was astonished to hear the announcement that Phi Delta Theta's chapter at an Alabama college numbered over 60! A recent letter from a Vanderbilt University correspondent contains the fact, briefly stated, that the chapter of Phi Delta Theta resembled a "literary society" in size, and it is to be inferred in other respects also. Alpha Tau Omega may be mentioned as another fraternity whose Southern chapters and membership are prominent.

The December number of the *Palm*, of Alpha Tau Omega, contains little else besides a lengthy list of initiates, than an account of the meeting of the Alabama State Association. The Association met in Montgomery, and seems to have had a very enjoyable session. Mr. Fowler, of our fraternity, responded to the toast, "Sigma Chi," at the closing banquet.

The *debutants* of the season is the *Alpha Chi Quarterly*. In literary merit, the publication certainly carries an old head on young shoulders. The fraternity has only four chapters, located at Syracuse,

Northwestern, Boston and De Pauw Universities, and the young ladies must be very loyal to support so good a journal. It is in charge of the chapter located at Northwestern University.

The *Delta Upsilon Quarterly* contains more genuine Greek news just now than any other publication, and typographically and editorially stands in the front rank of the Greek press. The editor realizes, after the quiet answer of the *Δ K E Quarterly* to his tirade against that publication, that "A quiet answer turneth away wrath."

The *Key*, of Kappa Kappa Gamma, like her sister, the *Arrow*, has donned a new and quite becoming garb. The legend on its cover is of a size which admits of no mistaken chirography, viewed from any part of our sanctum. It is characteristic for the *Key* to be *decided* in character throughout all its departments. Witness her independence: "We can struggle along, thank you, if our heads are not patted." There is a bright, crisp ring and a healthy tone throughout the number. Three open letters declare unequivocally against the pledging or initiation of preparatory students.

\* \* \* Girls in college do not begin to realize the habits of many of their young men fellow-students. It is really so shocking to learn, as many of us older married students have learned, of the dissipation and the universality of it in many of our colleges, that one feels as if it would never be safe for a "co-ed." to go anywhere with any one! \* \* \*

These words, which have fallen from the lips of other women (not without uncharitable credulity), suggest a question as to the innocence and propriety of husbands who are able to make such confidential communications.

Phi Chapter of *K K Γ*, located at Boston University, has just cause to speak thus of a very unique piece of fraternity literature:

But the one thing likely to prove of most general interest to the fraternity is the Kappa Kappa Gamma Kalendar, the first Greek-letter Kalendar ever published. The compilers, Miss Kingsbury and Miss Dodge, have had remarkable success, and the chapter is proud that this desirable addition to fraternity literature should come from Kappa Kappa Gamma. The outside of the Kalendar is neat, scholarly, and attractive in appearance. The quotations are brief, evidently selected with a view to the needs of the busy Greek. Several authors are represented besides Pope and Sidney Smith, and the whole result is of far greater value to the world at large than one's first idea of a fraternity Kalendar would suggest.

In view of the numerous platitudes which chapter correspondents of our own and other fraternities naturally, or by unfortunate education have fallen into, the necessity of reform suggested by the *Key* is frankly admitted :

There is a vice common to all the exchanges representing men's fraternities, as far as we have any knowledge of them, which seems to us to be in crying need of reform. We speak of the pernicious habit which fraternity men have of metaphorically falling on each other's necks in public. Now, if we were to be solemnly assured on oath, that men stalk about in their chapters' houses addressing each other as "brother" X, Y and Z, we would try to believe it. But there are a great many things right and proper enough in private which become nuisances when practiced in public, and among these things we class the display of fraternal affection.

We recommend this passage to that chapter correspondent of the *Palm* ( $\Lambda T \Omega$ ), who signs himself, "With Love."

The *Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly's* last issue (October, 1888), contains an article (with illustration) on the new chapter house of  $\tau$ , located at Hamilton College, N. Y. A sketch of the  $\Delta K E$  Club in New York City, with six illustrations of interiors, presents a very attractive page. The editorial department has less of the blasé than formerly, and is worthy of more than one excerpt.

That new members just received into a college fraternity, rich in the trials and triumphs of years of successful life, cannot begin too soon to *study* thoroughly the history of the order to which they have pledged their best endeavor, is aptly put into these words :

It takes some degree of broad-mindedness thoroughly to imbibe the fraternity idea applied to a dozen or more chapters.

Therefore the average man is a *chapter* man. And his chapter is to him the fraternity.

A primrose by the river's brim,  
A yellow primrose is to him  
And it is nothing more.

One of the first requirements of a man admitted to membership in  $\Delta K E$  should be that he make himself familiar with the history of the fraternity's founding and growth. The Council in its messages has frequently urged upon chapters the desirability of some systematic and consistent course in this matter.

But so far as we know none of the chapters have an absolute requirement on the subject. Of course, the difficulties in the way are considerable. It is naturally difficult to inspire a man just in his novitiate with a consuming thirst to know the history of the fraternity to which he belongs, even if he be enthu-

siastic in his loyalty. Knowledge, if any great effort is necessary to obtain it, does not usually spring up a spontaneous desire in the mind of youth.

The future of fraternity journalism, if it is to become a more powerful factor that it has been, lies in this direction.

We had occasion in a late number (Vol. VI, No. 2), to express the opinion that "the true field of the fraternity magazine lies wherever the influence of Greece is felt, be it in history, letters or art. Whatever touches Greek life in its broadest relations, either in its dead past or its new present—this we believe is the noble field for the fraternity press."

The difficulty of attaining so lofty an ideal is only too apparent. To obtain writers of sufficient ability to handle and present important subjects, whose fraternity spirit shall equal their ability, is no easy matter. Possibly the fraternity magazine will become what it should be, when its financial support is so great that it can afford to pay for able articles by men of established reputation. We are not sure but that the true way of developing fraternity journalism lies in this direction; that is to put fraternity publications on a par with others—not to ask a man for time and force out of a busy life, and expect to pay for his labor with an extra copy of the number containing his article. The man who pleases or instructs his fellows in a fraternity magazine, is surely deserving of some reward beside the approval of his conscience and the criticism of the editor.

The allegorical method of treating exchanges, pursued in this number, though not an easy method of the presentation of "reviews," is well developed, and, on the whole, quite satisfactory. The chapter letters are dignified in tone, and, in the absence of personal extolation, exceedingly refreshing.

We regret that we have not opportunity at this time to refer in detail to the *Anchora* of Delta Gamma, the last number of which impressed us very favorably.

COLLEGE AND FRATERNITY NOTES.

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CHI PSI holds her first western convention in Chicago, in the month of April, 1889.

ALPHA TAU OMEGA and Sigma Alpha Epsilon have entered the Georgia School of Technology, and Kappa Sigma decided at her last convention to put in a chapter there if ten men could be secured.

THE non-fraternity men of the University of Georgia have a representative on the university annual, the *Pandora*, this year. Heretofore it has been published by the fraternity alone. Of the 175 students, 94 are Greeks.

DR. J. LELAND MILLER of Sheffield, Mass., has give forty thousand dollars to Williams College to found a Professorship of American History, Literature and Eloquence, a chair not previously found in any college in the country.

PSI Upsilon celebrated the fifty-second anniversary of its founding at the University of the City of New York, by giving a concert and play at Berkeley Lyceum, February 13.

ALPHA TAU OMEGA held her general convention at Springfield, Ohio, December 26 and 28, 1888.

W. H. H. MILLER, the law partner of President Harrison, and now Attorney General of his Cabinet, is a member of Delta Upsilon.

THE School of Engineering, of Vanderbilt University, is to have \$20,000 for its enlargement, through a recent contribution of Cornelius Vanderbilt. \$50,000 has been expended on the new building for the Law and Dental Departments.

TWENTY-EIGHT Freshmen at Lehigh will pursue the new four-years course in electricity, eleven the literary course, and sixty-six the technical courses.

THE *Kappa Alpha Journal* reported last fall that the Phi Kappa Psi Chapter at Wofford College, Spartanburg, S. C., consisted of but one man.

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY has not offered land in fee simple for the purpose of the erection of chapter houses, as has been commonly understood, but has merely offered a 99 years lease at a nominal sum.

THE *Delta Upsilon Quarterly* says that Theta Delta Chi has forty-four under-graduates in Bowdoin College, and that there are only twelve neutrals in the whole college.

THE land endowment of the University of Texas consists of 2,022,978 acres, an amount equal to the two entire states of Delaware and Rhode Island.

THE new gymnasium at Trinity College has a theatre connected with it for use in college theatricals.

QUITE a boom in fraternity matters at the University of Cincinnati has been caused by the initiation of a Chapter of Beta Theta Pi. The Chapter is at present working under a dispensation, and will not receive its charter until the meeting of the Grand Chapter. The boys were taken up to Oxford and "put through" by the Chapter at Miami. They start with thirteen active members, being the full membership of the former Hour Glass Club, a local secret society.—*Cincinnati Commercial Gazette*, December 3.

THE Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A. are preparing to erect a building for their joint use, at the University of Wisconsin. The new hall of science, lately completed and occupied, cost \$270,000.

THE restrictions placed upon Amherst students who receive scholarships, are as follows: Every recipient must sign a document, saying that he has not entered a billiard-room, except in our gymnasium, during the term, nor used tobacco, nor drank liquor as a beverage, nor paid any money as tuition for dancing; and must also send in a signed account of his expenses during the year just passed.—*Era*.

THE Stanford University is intended, as Senator Sanford said in a recent interview, for instruction in every useful art, from making shoes and clothing to painting and sculpture. Every student will have quarters as good as those in Oxford, Cambridge, or Harvard, and good board will be furnished at remarkably low rates. It is expected that individual expenses for a session will reach a minimum of \$150 or \$200. The study of literature and language will not be slighted.—*Phi Kappa Psi Shield*.



## THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

IN view of the recent establishment of a chapter of the Sigma Chi Fraternity at the University of Minnesota, we deem it important that the fraternity should know some of the reasons why that institution was considered a good field for Sigma Chi to enter. The Grand Council has been aware for some time of the high character and prospects of this institution, and was glad of the opportunity which enabled us to enter under such favorable auspices last fall.

On an elevation just on the borders of the busy city of Minneapolis, in a beautiful tract of forty acres, stand the handsome buildings which form the material portion of the University of Minnesota. They are worthy of the Twin Cities, which, marvelous in their commercial and architectural growth, lie spread beneath them. They are worthy of the great Commonwealth which, following the lead of Michigan, has laid so munificently the foundations of a great university. The Main Building, the wing of which was built in 1856, is one hundred and eighty-six feet in length, ninety in breadth, three stories high above the basement, and contains fifty-three rooms. The walls are of blue limestone. The assembly hall, on the third floor, has a seating capacity of twelve hundred. The Agricultural College is of brick on a basement of blue stone, one hundred and forty-six by fifty-four feet. The central portion is two stories in height. The south wing is a plant-house, of double sash and glass. The north wing contains the chemical laboratory. There are class rooms for chemistry and agriculture, and private laboratories for the professors. A model farm house and barn have been erected on the experimental farm, situated on Como avenue, two miles distant. The largest Drill Hall in the United States was completed in the summer of 1884. It also serves as a large assembly hall, and will seat comfortably 3,500 people. The building of the College of Mechanic Arts is of two stories, besides a basement, and is eighty-nine by fifty-three feet, not including a one-story wing to the rear. This building contains large engineering and physical recitation rooms, drawing rooms, physical and testing laboratories, shops and apparatus rooms. This building contains \$10,000 worth of machinery. The Science Hall and Museum, just about completed at a cost of \$200,000, will be used for the purposes of instruction in science, and for a museum. It is a very imposing structure of stone, having a frontage of two hundred and forty-five feet.

The Students' Christian Association has erected a handsome building of brown stone, costing fifteen thousand dollars. This beautiful structure, with its excellent opportunities for religious, mental and physical culture, is answer enough in itself to the envious fanaticism which

leads some narrow sectarians to denounce State universities as "breeders of immorality and infidelity."

The university is divided into five distinct departments. The first is that of Science, Literature and Arts, consisting of the three courses of study implied by these words, and leading to the usual degrees. The second, the College of Mechanic Arts, covers courses in civil, mechanical and electrical engineering, and architecture. In these two departments there were last year 355 students.

The third department—that of the College of Agriculture, does not seem to be a very popular one, for there were only ten students out of a total of 496, who were taking that course last year. This in the face of the fact that a farm of 250 acres with experimental station, work rooms, etc., has been provided. Ye shades of moss-back legislators, and has your jealous guardianship of the horny handed farmer's rights been rewarded by such puny patronage!

Last fall the fourth department—that of Law—was formally opened. The *Ariel*, one of the university periodicals, thus speaks of it in the issue of September 29, 1888:

"One of the interesting features of the University is the recently established department of Law. At the beginning of this term on September 11, Hon. W. S. Pattee, the Dean and Professor of the Law of Contracts gave the opening address to the department in the chapel; the President, members of the Board of Regents and Faculty, together with others interested in the university, being present. The address was devoted to a discussion of the subject of the Law as a science. The opening was in every way gratifying to the friends of the university, and especially to the Board and Faculty, as they see clearly the grand results that so favorable a beginning promises. The department opens with about forty students, and others are constantly entering, so that more than fifty will be enrolled during this term. In addition to the daily instruction given by Prof. Pattee, a large number of the ablest attorneys in the state have been secured to lecture before this department, and already have commenced their labors.

"This state is to be congratulated upon the inauguration of a department so useful and so positively demanded in this northwestern state. The large territories west, as well as the large cities throughout Minnesota itself, will furnish two hundred students for this department within a very short period.

"Commodious rooms have been set aside for the use of the students and lecturers, and with the fine law libraries of Minneapolis and St. Paul, together with the facilities for attending courts, they furnish un-

usually good opportunities for a thorough and extensive preparation in the science and practice of law.

"Prof. Pattee devotes his entire time to the department, and has an ambition to see it second to none in the country. And in that hope the Regents, the Faculty, the Alumni, and all friends of the university most heartily share."

The fifth department, that of Medicine, is composed of the College of Medicine and Surgery, the College of Homœopathic Medicine and Surgery, and the College of Dentistry.

The Faculty, including tutors, instructors and lecturers in all departments of the university, contains upwards of one hundred members.

Cyrus Northrup, LL. D., was called from a professorship in Yale College in 1884 to the presidency of the institution, and has successfully conducted its affairs ever since. Among the subjects on which he lectures to the Senior Class, is "Oratory." Those who have heard the Doctor on this theme on the lecture platform all over the country, speak most highly of his ability as a popular lecturer.

Among the members of the faculty who have lately assumed their duties, Prof. John Dewey may be mentioned. Though comparatively a young man, his treatise on Psychology, and his exposition of Leibnitz' new essays, in Grigg's Philosophical Series, have placed him in the forefront of psychologists and philosophers.

The College Annual, *The Gopher*, has been issued for two years, the last issue being a particularly good one, both as to matter and illustration. From it we learn that the Alpha Nu Chapter of Chi Psi was established in 1874, the first Greek letter fraternity in the institution. This rather conservative fraternity saw even at that comparatively early day what the university was in time to become.

Theta Phi, a local fraternity, was established in 1879, and has always been a strong organization.

Kappa Kappa Gamma established her Chi Chapter in 1880; Phi Delta Theta, her Minnesota Alpha in 1881; Delta Gamma, her Lambda in 1882; Delta Tau Delta, her Beta Eta in 1883; Phi Kappa Psi, her Beta in 1888. Sigma Chi will appear in this year's annual.

*The Gopher* is published by the Junior Class, and though but two years old, will compare very favorably with any similar publication.

*The Ariel* is published monthly by the students, and holds a high rank in the college press throughout the country.

The growth of the university has been confined to particular periods, and hence has been more phenomenal than steady. In 1851 the Legislature of the Territory (which had just been organized two years previously), passed a law providing for the establishing of the university.

Six days later Congress appropriated "a quantity of public lands, not exceeding two entire townships, for the use and support of the University of the State of Minnesota." A preparatory department was opened in November, 1851, and was continued three years. Minnesota became a State in 1857, and made generous provision for her university, but the financial reverses of 1857-8 followed, and the south wing of the main building (built in 1856) remained unoccupied for many years. When the perils of the civil war were over, the Legislature appointed a special committee, of which John S. Pillsbury (of flour-mill fame) was chairman, with full power to sell property and pay debts. The board was occupied with this duty until 1867, and then reported the indebtedness liquidated by the sale of lands. For its salvation in this crisis, as well as for its after prosperity, the university is largely indebted to the ably-directed and unfailing interest of Ex-Gov. Pillsbury.

In October, 1867, the preparatory department was again opened with three teachers in the University building, which had stood empty for nearly ten years. It was not until the summer of 1869 that arrangements were made to begin college work proper. A faculty of nine members was elected, and on the 13th of September entered upon their duties. The university is, therefore, in reality not quite twenty years old. The president, during the first fifteen of these years, was William W. Folwell, LL. D., who was called to the presidency (in 1869) from Kenyon College, Ohio. To him is due the credit of thoroughly organizing and successfully starting the prosperous life of the institution. Dr. Folwell is at present Professor of Political Science and Librarian of the University.

The University is governed by a Board of Regents composed of seven regular members. There are also three Ex-Officio Members, the Governor of the State, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction and the President of the University. Hon. Cushman K. Davis, United States Senator from Minnesota, is one of the Regents.

As an evidence that elocution and oratory are not so entirely ignored as they are in some state institutions, we notice that prizes for this work have lately been offered by Hon. J. S. Pillsbury. Three prizes of \$30, \$25 and \$20 each, are offered for the best work in the Rhetorical Department as evidenced finally by an oration in public.

Gymnastic training is provided for in two rooms of the Drill Hall fitted with apparatus furnished by the students. The Athletic Association holds its annual Field Day on the Monday before Commencement. The new Professor of Military Science—Edwin F. Glenn, First Lieut. 25th Inf., U. S. A., has already made his department popular among the

students and the great Drill Hall will prove to be a very efficient place of physical culture under his management.

The Museum is especially rich in geological specimens, being in direct charge of the State Geologist—Newton H. Winchell—who is also Professor of Geology and Mineralogy in the University. He is a brother of the well-known Geologist—Alexander Winchell—of the University of Michigan. The University is charged by law with the work of the geological and natural history survey of the state, under the direction of the Board of Regents. The Library contains some 20,000 volumes, located on the first floor of the main building. About eighty periodicals are kept regularly on file. The increase in the number of students from 496 last year to 750 this year, indicates how rapid will be still greater progress of the institution. The fraternity is to be congratulated on entering just at this time. The chapters of the different fraternities established at the institution stand well in their respective organizations. They all occupy rented chapter houses, as Sigma Chi's new chapter will do next fall.

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THE Catalogue will be finished in three different styles, to suit purchasers: *First*, with chocolate end sheets; *second*, with gilt top, and side and bottom trimmed smooth, as in ordinary books; and, *third*, with gilt top, and side and bottom untrimmed. Those who have any preference will please indicate it, otherwise the editors will exercise their own discretion. The third style, as given above, seems to meet with the most favor, and will probably be adopted where no preference is indicated by the purchaser.

## Chapter Letters.

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### BETA—UNIVERSITY OF WOOSTER.

Since the last issue of the *QUARTERLY*, Beta's history has been quiet and uneventful, and we have no brilliant victories nor crushing defeats to record. We have, however, along with the other Wooster Greeks, been treated to quite a novel surprise. It came in the shape of the establishment of a chapter of Alpha Tau Omega among us. For the last two years there have been a few students in college who seemed much more eager to be initiated into some fraternity than any fraternity was to initiate them. They finally banded together, and, after issuing several petitions to as many different fraternities, they at last secured a charter from  $\Lambda T \Omega$ . While we wish them all possible success, we can not help but think that they will meet with many almost insurmountable difficulties in building up a chapter to which their fraternity can point with pride.

We are eagerly looking forward to the coming Pan Hellenic banquet. It is the one occasion of the year on which fraternity distinctions are laid aside, and all assemble in the banquet hall as brother Greeks.

The coming Provincial Convention is another event toward which we are looking with many pleasurable anticipations. Beta hopes to be well represented, and joins with the other chapters of the province in extending a royal welcome into the grand old fraternity to our "baby" chapter.

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### GAMMA—OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

By the time this letter appears in print Gamma will have passed the first anniversary of her re-establishment. We have taken our place among the fraternities of the University, and have pushed steadily into favor, being careful to hold

all that we have gained. Thus the year has been a prosperous one, notwithstanding the embarrassments which are peculiar to a new chapter. Although we have not increased our active membership since last term, we take no little pride in our four pledged men, who are acknowledged to be the cream of the preparatory department. In this respect we have especially flattering prospects for the future. We have made it a principle to move cautiously in the matter of securing men, and we now feel assured that our phenomenal success justifies our conservative policy. Grand Prætor Stilwell has honored us by accepting our invitation to hold the Provincial Convention here about the first of April. We are looking forward to that event with quite a good deal of interest, and will be able to say more about it at another time. We have been enabled, by the help of our alumni, to refit and refurnish our halls, so that they are equal in elegance to the finest in town, and we congratulate ourselves that we will be in splendid condition to entertain our visiting brethren. The term, thus far, has passed pleasantly and quietly, with the usual number of receptions and entertainments. The special religious services, which began on the day of prayer, are still in progress, with marked results. Over one hundred students have professed conversion. The leading innovation of the University is the new gymnasium, which, at the opening of the present term, stood adequately equipped for the development of the flabby muscles of our untrained athletes. The Pan-Hellenic banquet, which will be held about March first, will be a much more extensive affair than in other years. The constantly increasing number of Greeks in the University makes this annual feast more and more a feature of the year. The rival chapters of the other fraternities, of which there are nine,

seem to be in a prosperous condition.  $X \Phi$  has made the most decided progress during the year.  $B \Theta II$  has the least promising future of any.  $Mu$  chapter of  $\Delta T \Delta$  is preparing to entertain a large number of delegates to their convention, which occurs about the first of March. In closing,  $Gamma$  extends her sincerest wishes for the success of her sister chapters.

#### ZETA—WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY.

Since our last letter  $Zeta$  has succeeded in getting in two goats, making in all three goats this year, which, we think, is doing very well considering circumstances.

The first goat of this session is Bro. Peck, as you know, who, we think, will make a good one, although sometimes he longs for the "old Tennessee home"; but he has a good appetite, so we are in hopes he will come out all right.

The second goat, in the person of Bro. Menefee, of Missouri, is, in fact, the beauty of our chapter; one would have to see this individual to appreciate him. He left the wilds of his native state last fall for the first time, so, of course, he can talk of nothing but Missouri, and Missouri slang is very noticeable in his conversation. He spends most of his time trying to convince his fellow students that he is not the "goat," and begged the writer of this letter please to notify them at the headquarters in Chicago, that he was not the "goat."

Our real goat, or "goat of goats," is Bro. Marshall, of Arkansas, who accompanied our esteemed Bro. Brown, of the same State, when he rode a wild bear over the Rocky Mountains; but the next morning after Bro. Marshall had ridden our worthy and esteemed "*Capricornus*" two of us had to go and dress him, as "*Capricornus*" was too much for him.

Since our last letter we have had the pleasure of hearing from Alpha Theta, Kappa, Beta, Zeta Psi and Zeta Zeta. We are sorry and ashamed to say that we have not answered a letter, but now that our examinations are over we expect to

put our "goats" to work, and we are confident they will be soon answered.

We are glad to hear such good accounts from the chapters; it really does seem that  $\Sigma X$  is still, as she has always been, on the upward road.

#### ETA CHAPTER—UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI.

Although nothing of interest has taken place with us since our last, we will attempt to write a short letter. With the exception of some misbehavior a few evenings past, our University has never had a more prosperous term, so far as work and discipline are concerned. Most all the students seem to realize the fact that there is no royal road to learning. Mr. Mott, Secretary of the Inter-National Y. M. C. A., is with us now, and will give several lectures for the benefit of young men of the University.

We are sorry to state that Bro. Gee, on account of protracted illness, has withdrawn from school, and will not return before next session. We regret to give up Bro. Gee, even for so short a time; for a more ardent Sig or better student has not been with us for some time.

Bro. J. F. Posey, class '87, who is now secretary and treasurer of a furniture factory at Union City, Tennessee, spent several days with us, a few weeks ago. Bro. Posey is a whole-souled Sigma Chi, and feels as much interest in our welfare as any alumnus; although his frosty mustache now overshadows his ruby lips, yet he is a boy, when among our boys.

#### THETA—PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE.

There is an absolute dearth of fraternity news at this institution. The Greeks are at peace among themselves and with the barbs. The second term, which opened on January 4, found all the Sigs in their accustomed places, but hardly prepared for work. The sudden transportation from "sporting life" in New

York and other eastern cities, to the hum-drum existence in this moss-grown town, was almost too much for several of the initiated, and but for the opportune appearance of a quasi minstrel troupe at the "opera-house"—and which remained for several weeks—they would probably have died for want of excitement. As it is, however, we are all living and in the best of spirits.

The rooms now occupied by us in the Winter Building, will shortly be vacated for larger and more pleasant quarters in the *Star and Sentinel* Building, recently erected by Hon. Edward McPherson.

The  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ 's have secured permission from the College Board to erect a chapter house on the Campus, but it will hardly be built this year; for, as a Delta remarked to me, they have the permit, and "the next thing will be the money." Possibly it never occurred to them that this is the most important and always least obtainable part of a chapter house scheme. However, the Sigs and Deltas have long been friends, and Theta wishes them abundant success in their undertaking.

The institution is now mourning the loss of its Vice-President and Professor of Mathematics and Astronomy, Luther H. Croll, Sc.D. His death occurred on Tuesday, February 5, and all recitations were at once suspended until after the funeral on Thursday, the 7th. The front of Pennsylvania Hall was draped with black, and the students attended the services in a body. These were held in Christ Church, where addresses were made by Rev. Dr. Valentine, President of the Lutheran Theological Seminary, Rev. Dr. McKnight, the President of the College, and Rev. Dr. Hay, Pastor of the church. The vacancy will not be filled until the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees in June. Dr. Croll had been connected with the institution since 1886, and, during his long service, much of its management had devolved on him. He was a great favorite with the students, and his removal has left a void that will be hard to fill.

Two important changes have been made in the schedule of the college for this year. The Junior Class Exhibition will take place at the close of the present term in March, instead of on Wednesday of Commencement Week, as heretofore, and the Commencement Exercises will, probably, be held during the first, instead of the last, week in June, as has been the custom for many years. This seems to meet the general approval of the majority of the students, although it necessitates the abandonment of the spring vacation. The Board has also determined to establish a department of Physical Culture. The Linnæan is to be fitted up as a gymnasium, and the building now dignified by that name will be turned into a chemical laboratory. This college has always been sadly backward in promoting anything looking toward athletics, and it is to be hoped that the present prospect of improvement in that direction will be brightened by the new departure.

#### KAPPA-BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY.

"In the onward march of progress none may stay." The second term of the school year finds Kappa still at the head, with honors fast accumulating. Bro. E. H. Guie "bobs up" in the chair of Shorthand, Telegraphy and Typewriting. He handles the art well, and possesses rare qualifications seldom found in one who, at the same time stands well in his class and still maintains a high social prestige. Bro. Hargrave has been elected business manager of the base ball team; increasing the number of the "White Crosses" in Bucknell's team to six. Surely we will make a formidable antagonist.

We commend to the fraternity at large Bro. Chas. Magill, of Haddenfield, N. J. Bro. Magill was hard rushed by the  $\Phi K \Psi$ , but we came in the nick of time and their all was lost.

In our relations to the other fraternities, though friendly to all, we especially favor, and are in turn favored, by the Phi Gamma Deltas. Together we form a powerful factor in all college elections, and seldom fail to elect our man. The  $\Phi K \Psi$ 's still have our respect, though they have



violated a trust which none but traitors could betray. However,

Our hands were not blackened by the fray,  
And true manliness still holds her sway.

Bucknell, though sadly in need of a president, is making rapid strides to the front. While the increased number of students adds vigor to her life, it more clearly defines her as a promontory in the college world. As to athletics, we have developed from a mere primordial germ into full strength and vigor of body. On the ball field, though we do not expect to eclipse our record of last season, we can reasonably expect a creditable showing against the Universities of Pennsylvania, Lehigh, Lafayette, Swathmore and Haverford.

Bro. Chauncey B. Ripley, LL.D., of New York City, has kindly remembered us with a steel portrait of himself. Though busily engaged in shaping and controlling public opinion at the New York bar, Kappa is still fresh in his memory, and we point with pride to the likeness of our most honored alumnus.

Kappa sends regards to all sister chapters, and hopes that all are bound with that same inseparable tie of fraternal love, on whose bosom she has ever reclined in peaceful pleasure.

#### LAMBDA—INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY.

The winter term has opened very favorably for the University. Efforts have been put forth this winter by our worthy President for an appropriation from the State of \$60,000, for the erection of a handsome fire-proof library building. If it is obtained—and all concede that we are sure to get it—we will have a library building to be proud of. Then the old law department, which was discontinued after the great fire of '83, will be re-established. That has been our cherished hope for several years.

Lambda is still as lively as ever. Bros. New and Busby, whom we were expecting to lose for the remainder of the year, were able, fortunately, still to remain with us. We were also reinforced by

Bro. Rhett, who will graduate this spring, giving us, with Bro. Robertson, two seniors. We have initiated but one man so far this term. On that one occasion, however, we were happy in the initiation of Mr. Bayard Wright, of Winchester, Ind. Bro. Wright is a good student, can get out in society, and, above all, is a most loyal and companionable Sig.

We are pleased to announce that Bro. Bain, our new and promising freshman, won first prize last term on the oratorical contest among the lower classmen. He did it, too, against a strong field.

We have heard, with great sorrow, of the death of Bro. John Gentle, of class of '84. He was just entering upon the prime of life, and his death is a sad blow to his friends and relatives.

#### MU—DENISON UNIVERSITY.

It is a pleasure to us to record, in this letter, the return of two of the strong men who were of our chapter last year, Henry C. Stilwell, who intends to complete his college course with the present senior class, and S. W. Richardson, of '93. The chapter now numbers eleven.

We are well represented in the positions of trust and honor which are in the power of the students to give. The Lecture Committee, whose chairman is Bro. L. L. Sutton, is giving the college this winter a very excellent series of entertainments, which promises to surpass those of former years in general interest. We have seven men, including the manager, on the football team. The foot-ball team is a new feature in the college life at Denison, the game having been played here before but not by a permanently organized team. It looks as if there would be, in the near future, an athletic association among a few of the Ohio colleges, and in that event Denison will be one of the number, and we do not fear to predict that she will hold an enviable place among her sister colleges. We are glad to note this awakening, for there has been a lamentable lack of interest in athletic sports at this school of late.

Last month we were pleased to receive a visit from Bro. D. E. Munro, '87, whom none of us had seen since his graduation, and from Bro. B. F. McCann, '86, who, though a more frequent, is none the less a welcome visitor. After the close of the meeting at which these two brothers were present, Bro. Jos. Kerr invited us over to the Hotel Granville, where a young banquet had been prepared by his order. After a satisfactory discussion of the viands we returned to our hall and spent some hours hearing our visiting members rehearse old college reminiscences of things done by day and by night. We always feel a benefit following such visits, for there is nothing like an enthusiastic alumnus to infuse interest and a proper pride into a chapter.

Bro. C. L. Owen, '85, is spending the winter in this village.

The question of a provincial convention is in agitation, and we hope soon to have definite information.

#### XI—DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.

Xi again sends a hearty greeting. Though in the last issue of *THE SIGMA CHI QUARTERLY* she was conspicuous for her absence, it was not on account of a lassitude of spirit or a depression of fraternity zeal. It all resulted from a misconception of the date on which the magazine made its appearance.

We started in at the beginning of the fall term with but three of the old men—three out of twelve. The fact that Bros. Pierce, Spurlock and Johnston were all that had returned, proved a little disheartening, since Bro. Charles E. Sturgis was the only man whom we had lost by graduation. But our fewness was but a stimulation to redoubled effort, and, with the skillful assistance of two of our resident members, Daggy and Overstreet, we performed our "mission of love." In this, our spiking, we were materially aided by Bro. Harry R. McMullen, formerly of Lambda, who has entered the De Pauw Law School and is also a member of the junior class in the College of Liberal Arts. As a result we take unbounded

pleasure in introducing to the  $\Sigma X$  world Bros. Ernest K. Drees, Xenia, Ohio; Lou A. Bennett, Greenville, Ill.; Will C. Henning, Cannelton, Ind.; Fred T. Davis, Maryville, Mo.; Willis Bacon, Tiffin, Ohio; Frank Gregory, Williamsport, Ind.; James A. Patterson, Charlottesville, Ind., and Will H. Sharp, Sugar Grove, Ohio. We also have three reliable men who sport the blue and gold in Maurice G. Higgins, of Missoula, Montana; C. Leon Smith, Maryville, Mo., and Charles Eisenbeles, of Fort Wayne. There is not a "Slide-under" among us, and, in the dialect of the late lamented, or, otherwise, highly successful presidential campaign, "We're all right." Bros. Bacon and Sharp come from Heidelberg University at Tiffin, Ohio, entering the senior class, and, in connection with their regular college work, are taking junior law. They will return next year to complete their law course. Bro. Bacon is quite base-ballical.

$\Sigma X$  is represented in the University Nine by McMullen and Eisenbeles. "Mc." is Indiana's champion college catcher, and, last September, was the recipient of a flattering offer from Cornell University.

The college paper, *The De Pauw Ad*, is now a bi-weekly, and an established success. It has passed from under the control of last year's faction (of which we constituted a portion of the minority), and is now published by the De Pauw Literary Association. Bro. Spurlock is secretary of the association, and Bro. Davis is an assistant on the local staff of the editorial corps.

The pathetic appeal of the fraternity co-eds that the Pan-Thugeterian banquet should be merged with the blow-out of the Pan-Hellenes was made to a merciless throne. However,  $\Sigma X$  cast her vote in behalf of the fairer Sigs.

Our boys who accompanied the De Pauw Zouaves to La Fayette report a gay and festive time, and loudly proclaim the Purdue Sigs to be the most accommodating fellows on earth, and one infatuated visitor tells us that  $\Delta \Delta$  has the most bewitching lady supporters that are to be found anywhere.

Bro. John H. Harrison, our bonny red sophomore, who, for the last few years, has figured so prominently in Indiana college politics, is now one of the editors of the *Michigan City Dispatch*.

The out-going of Governor Gray takes from the capitol a brilliant Sig. Yet Xi is well represented in Indianapolis by Senator Silas Hays and Representative Frank D. Ader.

Although our chapter house has gone glimmering, and our only Ogden did not return; yet, notwithstanding these dire calamities, for what is herein recounted, and for other unmentionable triumphs, Xi sends her hearty greeting.

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#### OMICRON—DICKINSON COLLEGE.

Fraternity news at Dickinson is rather scarce at present, and has been since last we wrote for the columns of THE SIGMA CHI QUARTERLY. There are only two seasons of actual fraternity strife here, viz., in the fall and at the end of the college year, when the coming freshman class comes over from preparatory school. It is considered that they are then ripe enough to pluck, and the plucking goes on even to the *preserving* thereof, as recruits for the six fraternities here represented. In the fall, at the opening of the term, occurs the *only* real encounter between Greek and Greek, and needless to remark, the Greek is successful. As a result of this seeming enmity toward one another, I may say that a feeling of what we here term "soreness" comes over the vanquished but which soon wears away, and at the end of a few weeks is forgotten. In general, there is a friendly feeling between us all, and so I was forced to remark at the beginning of this epistle that fraternity news is scarce here.

The boys seem to have forgotten all else save the girls, for we have not had a regular meeting for four weeks, because of some reception or dance. Carlisle society has been so gay this winter, and round after round of pleasure has so forced itself upon us, that we seem to be

aware of the existence of none but the "dear girls" and "Terpsichore." As an incident to prove the above remark, allow me to cite this one. At one of the receptions given about four weeks ago, there happened together upon the stairs quite a little crowd of ladies and gentlemen, and imagine our surprise when one of the ladies exclaimed, "Well, I declare, seven Sigma Chis!" Upon hearing this exclamation everybody observed for themselves, and true, of the seven gentlemen in the crowd seven were Sigma Chis.

At the reception given by Wilson College (a ladies' institution), Chambersburg, Pa., there were eight Sigs.

We lose four men this year by graduation, leaving six here to defend the fair name and honor of Sigma Chi.

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#### TAU—ROANOKE COLLEGE.

The second term of session 1888-9, Roanoke College, began Feb. 1, under most favorable auspices to the college. Unfortunately, by removals, Tau chapter has suffered much. Notable and almost irreparable has been our loss by the removal, to St. Louis, of Bros. Charles and Walter Greenwood. The former, although an alumnus, never lost interest in the chapter and was ever zealous and efficient in her cause. Walter was a bright member too, greatly beloved, and our loss in them is felt as keenly to-day as it was the day they embarked for St. Louis. Other eyes were moist at their departure than fraternity eyes. We hope for a visit from them at our next commencement, and if we are not disappointed "other eyes," and all eyes, "will look the brighter when they come."

Numerically, at this writing, Tau is weak—in probity and zeal she is a tower of strength; and as the darkest hour just precedes the dawn, we have an abiding confidence that Tau chapter will arise and shine and become a giant in the land. To other chapters and all our chapters we send greeting, and wish for all an unremitting love and prosperity.

## CHI—HANOVER COLLEGE,

Fraternity and society circles have been unusually quiet at Hanover for the last few weeks, but now as the local oratorical contest is drawing near things are receiving a new impulse, and the energetic orators may be heard practicing their speeches in every ravine that surrounds our quiet little village. And do not for one moment fear that Chi will not be represented in this contest. She has for many years carried off the honors, and we feel quite confident that she will continue to do so this year. Chi will be represented by one of her most worthy members, Bro. Pence, who received second honor last year and defeated the much-lauded ideal of one of our rival fraternities, has again entered the field, and from his well known abilities as an orator and writer, we feel quite confident of his receiving a prominent place. The contestants will be two from  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , one from  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ , one from  $B \Theta \Pi$  and one from  $\Sigma X$ . The Fates alone can tell what the result will be, yet Chi hopes to still retain her prominence which she has for a long time held. With the exception of this, nothing has happened to disturb the serenity of fraternity life.

In numbers, as well as in other things, Chi takes the lead, she having 18 men;  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  follows with 11. In the two literary societies we hold the presidencies and an equal share of the minor offices.

We have a debate every two weeks in our chapter meetings and we not only find it highly entertaining but also derive great benefit from it. In the musical line we excel, as very near half the members of our chapter are musicians.

So far we have failed to discover any Sigma Chi material whatever in the lower classes, and as our only pledged man failed to return this term, we will be unable to present any new names to the Sigma Chi world at commencement. But this will not greatly affect us as we only lose two men by graduation this year—Bros. McClintock and Pence. This will leave us with a splendid start for the next college year.

Bro. Byrns, '92, who left our ranks last term has returned, and we now have the pleasure of presenting to the fraternity at large our renowned trio, Dennis, Pat and Obadiah, whose voices echo throughout our hall every Tuesday night, in those good old Sig songs with which we are all so familiar.

## PSI—UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

There is one department of fraternity journalism which stands in great need of a tonic. I refer to the chapter letters. In going over these, every reader must be struck with the want of true ring. There is too much of "brotherly love," and all that sort of thing, and a little too much boasting about the inferiority of rival chapters. Against the too evident weakness of this department the voice of the editor-in-chief is, from time to time, vainly raised. It certainly seems ridiculous that we associate editors cannot get together enough material for a quarterly letter without bringing to the light the antiquated, hackneyed old space fillers we do have recourse to. Nevertheless, a chapter letter without the aid of these old friends is no easy thing to concoct. Why is it?

I desire here to express my respect for those men in a fraternity who, after they have left college days behind them, and when time and labor are of great value to themselves, nevertheless devote both to the interests of their fraternity. Their self-imposed task would, at best, be no light one, but it is rendered even more onerous by the chilling indifference and non coöperation of the very men whom they serve. We have a striking example of this class in our fraternity. That man is Walter L. Fisher. For years his strong business capacity, and his untiring zeal and energy have been the mainstay of Sigma Chi. By his efforts we have been helped to rise year by year in the scale. Engaged in the active practice of his profession, and some time since appointed to a busy office under the city government, he has found and still finds time to labor in our behalf. He has

placed the whole order under obligations to him, and he deserves the thanks of every member of the society for his invaluable services.

On the 24th of January, we had the pleasure of seeing Bro. Mason Bross, of Chicago, who paid us a flying visit of a few hours. I regret that his visit should have found us in the midst of the intermediate examinations, which prevented our receiving him as we should like to have done.

Since the last issue of the magazine we have added another name to our roll, that of Bro. G. S. Lyman, of Charlottesville, Virginia, whom I take pleasure in introducing to the fraternity.

Psi has, I think, made a record in the matter of badges this year. With a membership of eight, she has seven badges, of which four were ordered this session.

#### OMEGA—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

We have just been warned by a letter from Bro. Alling that our chapter letter is now due, and we will at once proceed to recall the events of the past three months. We find it rather a hard task to do so as there has not been much of sufficient importance to chronicle since our last letter. Since then, however, two of our brothers have been compelled to leave school. Soon after Bro. Wise returned for the Winter Term he was taken down by a very severe attack of the measles. After being afflicted with them for two weeks his eyes were left in such a condition as would not allow of his continuing his work, and he returned home. He will resume his work next term. Bro. Fred Cozzens has left us to assist his father in business in San Francisco. He will return next year. By the time this reaches our brothers we will have extended the bonds of Sigma Chi to George Hills, '92, giving us a representation of five in the Freshman class. The fates seem to have been against us for the last year. When school closed, last year, we we had eighteen men, eight of whom have been compelled to drop out. We have initiated two, giving us twelve mem-

bers at present. Before the year is over we hope to have two or three additions, bringing our chapter up to its old standard. Next year we hope to welcome back a number of those who have not been able to be with us this year. Bro. R. Roy Shuman, who intended to be with us this term, has concluded not to enter school this year, and has accepted the position of reporter on his brother's paper, *The Evanston Press*. However, he keeps up his active membership in the chapter. We have had the pleasure of receiving a visit from Bro. L. D. Wallace, ex-'91, who is now in the publishing business at Saybrook, Illinois.

Northwestern celebrated Washington's birthday according to the excellent custom, established three years ago, of having a union gathering of all the departments of the University. About two hundred and fifty students from our Chicago departments came out to Evanston and spent the day as the guests of the local departments. The time was passed in sight-seeing, receptions, etc. The evening of Washington's Birthday, a number of the students astonished the natives by "tripping the light fantastic," at the Avenue House. This is the first time such an occasion has been held during the present management of the University, such things meeting with the violent opposition of the faculty. Over twenty couples were present, a goodly representation of which were from our chapter. The evening before the Day of Prayer, Omega gave a very pleasant progressive conversation party, at the chapter house, as a farewell for Bro. Cozzens, before his departure for California. The ladies' prize for best conversation was awarded to Miss Baker, daughter of Judge Frank Baker, Gamma, '61. A number of the local chapters have been giving receptions and banquets during the term, making it a lively one socially. There is a rumor, well borne out by appearances, that the local chapter  $\Phi K \Sigma$ , which died out last fall, is to be revived soon with a goodly number of men. Be that the case, certainly no other chapter will welcome them more

heartily than Omega. Class spirit is the lowest that it has been for a number of years. The Freshmen and Sophomores are allowed to hold socials only on signing an agreement not to "indulge in unseemly conduct."

Bro. Chas. T. Watrous, '92, is earning for himself an excellent reputation as an elocutionist by giving readings in various parts of the state. He also accompanies the University Quartette on their tours. We hope to have our Syllabus out of press by April 1. Bro. B. L. McFadden is Business Manager. The bitter feeling between the different fraternities is passing away. The tendency is to a more liberal spirit. It is to be hoped that the time may come when it will be done away with entirely. Omega is doing what she can to bring that time around. As one means of effecting it, we have decided that henceforth we do not enter into what is commonly called "college politics," and that we use our influence to discourage it. Whether action has the desired effect remains to be seen. If others will follow our lead, there is no reason why we cannot have a more harmonious feeling than has heretofore existed. Wishing our sister chapters the best of fortune, we will close with the complaint that they have neglected us in their correspondence, and the request that we may hear from them soon.

#### GAMMA GAMMA—RANDOLPH MACON COLLEGE.

Gamma Gamma addresses her chapter letter, this time, under more favorable circumstances than our last report showed. So, if you should happen to know that only yesterday we received a communication from Bro. Alling asking us to send this letter, do not suppose it was because we had nothing good to report, but understand that it was because our associate editor, Bro. Hood, having been sick for the last five weeks, was unable to attend to it.

Fortune is smiling on Gamma Gamma this year, and everything seems to turn

out just as she would have it. With four old men and one initiate we would have been content, as this is about our usual number, had we not seen that there were two other men in college whom we knew were worthy to be called brothers by us. We introduce with pleasure, into the Sigma Chi world, Bro. W. W. Bennett, of Trevilian, Virginia, and Bro. S. C. Starke, of Petersburg, Virginia. The former is a brother of our honored Bro. R. H. Bennett, than whom there is not a truer Sig, and whom every active member of Gamma Gamma loves for the good he has done this chapter. There are seven of us now,—may be more soon. United we stand in all things that pertained to the blue and gold. In the college classes Sigma Chis are either leaders or are very near the top. In the Literary Societies we have received an equal share of the honors.

The fraternities, generally, are in a good condition. The membership of one of them, quite noticeably, is not so large as it was last session. We mean the  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ 's, who had, last year, 16 men. They have numbered only eight this year, and now have only six, as two of their "bugs" have left college on account of sickness. We presume they have found out that numbers do not, proportionally, add power and influence. The other fraternities have memberships as follows:  $B \Theta \Pi$ , 11;  $\Phi K \Sigma$ , 5;  $K \Lambda$ , 6;  $K \Sigma$ , 4. The last named fraternity has, through the influence of one of her men who entered college at the beginning of the session, about succeeded in establishing a chapter here. This gives us six fraternities here; but, with the increase in number of students, there is room for each. The Greeks seem to be working together this session. The fraternities, combined, propose to publish an Annual this year, the first ever published at this college. A Sigma Chi has been elected as editor-in-chief. Last session we received copies of their College Annuals from several of the chapters, so, as soon as ours is out, we will return the compliment.

As known to many of our sister chapters, an "Anti-Fraternity Organization" has existed here for the last five years. Most of those on its roll were such as no fraternity would have ever invited. We cannot speak of it at length here, but suffice it to say, that they have disbanded, stating that they had accomplished their object. We are glad they think so, but as we have never heard one of them say, we cannot tell what that object was, as it certainly is not apparent. The "A. F. O." lived and it died a natural death. But we have yet to see any good they did in college, or any harm they did to fraternities.

With our energetic President at her head, Randolph Macon College is now prospering as she has never done before. The opening of the second term brought more than the usual number of new students, so that we now have about 300; more than the college has had for a long time. Since she has begun to pay more attention to the sciences, that apartment has been found too small, so a new Science Hall will be erected, and opened by next session. Dr. Buchanan, a man well known in the state for his superior educational abilities, and now Superintendent of Public Instruction in this state, has recently been elected to fill the chair of Latin. He has accepted the position, but cannot enter upon his duties until next session. We welcome him among us, as the duties of our President are too many to allow him any longer to fill that chair. With all these advantages in the college proper, Randolph Macon has taken the initiative step in another direction—this time, in the direction of Liberty, Virginia, where, in sight of the Peaks of Otter, she is erecting a large and magnificent building, and purposes to establish there her great preparatory department. Our President proposes that this shall be the best academy in the South. Randolph Macon College is booming.

In closing, we can only wish each and every chapter much success; and we invite any Sig, who may at any time be in this part of the country, to come and see us.

## DELTA DELTA — PURDUE UNIVERSITY.

Delta Delta is pleased to greet her sister chapters with the intelligence that three new men have donned the White Cross under her auspices since the last letter was sent to the magazine. On the night of November 24, William Dill, of the Junior Class was introduced to our affable, though demonstrative goat, with the greatest *eclat* attending the ceremony. The term employed to indicate the nature of the ceremony in the preceding sentence is a French one, but to all who have gone through the interesting exercise its import cannot fail to be divined. Bro. Dill has been for the past two years just preceding '88-'89, a student at Cornell, and possesses a comprehensive idea of college life. This fact, together with the truth that he is endowed with jovial and companionable attributes, makes him a thoroughly desirable brother. On January 17 we again availed ourselves of the services of our chapter hall auxiliary, sweet Wm.—Mr. Cortice M. Warner, of the Senior Pharmacy Class being initiated into the mysticisms of  $\Sigma X$ . It is to be regretted exceedingly, however, that Bro. Warner completes his collegiate course in early March and will have to leave the pleasant associations of chapter hall and active fraternity life so soon after obtaining the liberty to enjoy them. But he lives and will locate in Shelbyville, and we know that he is still practically one of us. Our last initiation was that of William Kirkpatrick of the sophomore class, whom we presented to the capricious fancies of our goat on the night of January 26. Bro. Kirkpatrick enjoyed the delectable pleasure of declining an invitation to become a  $K \Sigma$ , shortly before becoming a White Cross Knight. He is a fellow whose every act, either in literary society or in class room, strengthens our pride in numbering him among the legions of  $\Delta \Delta$ . His brother, Chas. K., will be remembered by our DePauw brothers and many other active Sigs of a few years past, as an enthusiastic and energetic brother in  $\Xi$  chapter. These three additions increase our active chapter member-

ship to thirteen, which will be extended to fourteen within a very few hours, by the initiation of another Pharmic. Our only sister fraternity,  $K\Sigma$ , has received a vitalizing nourishment for its existence by the acquisition of two new men, a Senior and a Soph, which makes their total number six. Neither  $K\Sigma$  nor their barbarian allies make any pretensions as a social factor in Purdue, so  $\Delta\Delta$  holds sway supreme in the rose colored atmosphere that makes life so exquisite in these classic precincts. Much ill-felling and envy, if I may be pardoned for employing the term, has arisen among the  $K\Sigma$ s and barbs as a result of this dominion. Society has been very animated and frat life bulging with activity and vicissitude. A raging strife is existing between the barb element and ourselves, stronger perhaps than ever before, and a heated campaign is in the hands of experienced generals. Some acrimonious articles have appeared in the LaFayette dailies, directed against the Sigs of Purdue, and written by an aggregation of  $K\Sigma$  and barb intellect. The articles were signed by the suggestive nom de plume "Chump;" in this instance, quite properly so, and contained an exaggerated epitome of many highly magnified occurrences of a disgraceful nature that could or could not be attributed to members of Sigma Chi. The desire of the authors to air their grievances through the public press has served to turn their venomous shafts to a vastly different destination than that which their chump progenitors fondly hoped them to reach. They are now acting as boomerang, the barbs being rewarded with ridicule and commiseration as a consequence. So, naturally, when the chapter arranged a lecture at the university chapel and hospitably extended a cordial invitation to the college in general, we were not disagreeably surprised to find that the barbs and Kappas had effected what they evidently deemed a great boycott. The former clan, with the exception of one or two of their number who attended the lecture to detect faults and discrepancies in the management, remained exclusively at home, while the latter crowd organized a

theater party. Their efforts to make the lecture a failure were unprolific, for quite an assemblage of faculty members, town folk and sigs composed an abundantly large and eminently appreciative audience. Mr. W. T. Mills, the lecturer, is the editor of *The Statesman*, printed in Chicago, and delivered a discourse that was pronounced by all who heard it as the finest that a Purdue audience has been favored with this year. Our meeting was a thorough success and we feel very grateful to Bro Stevens, of  $\Omega$ , for introducing the project to our consideration.

The open meetings of the literary societies have come and gone. On the Irving Bro. Anderson, the only Sigma Chi member of that society, represented the chapter by delivering an oration that was highly creditable to himself and fraternity. On the Carlyle program, Bros. Sedgwick, Stafford and Richards also reflected honor to their frat by the merit of their productions.

On February 6 a large number of the State Legislature came to Purdue to inspect the grounds and shops, preparatory to acting on Senator Dresser's appropriation bill, now pending in the house at Indianapolis. Bro. Smart, our "Prexy," together with all who are interested in the welfare of the institution, feel very sanguine of a satisfactory disposition of the bill. The senate has voted favorably on it, and there now remains but a satisfactory result of the Representatives' deliberations to make the endowment permanent to Purdue. A large proportion of the funds, if obtained, will be devoted to the erection of new and more commodious buildings, and to the remodeling and perfection of those now in use. Bros. Alford and Hayes, members of the present Senate, were badged upon their arrival at the college much to the discomfiture of the barbs and  $K\Sigma$ .

Purdue has been rather animated during the past term, and many events of a social nature are ineffaceably established in tenderest recollections, "stamped on our memory in Greek letters in a back ground of blue and gold." Pres. Smart's reception in honor of Lieut. Gov. Chase,



created quite a ripple among Purdue society people. And the "Natal Day Ball," commemorating the birthdays of Bros. Ade and Anderson, was a glorious affair. It occurred at Tecumseh Trail, on February 9, and was given by the Sigs to a few of their friends and "fayre ladies." Tecumseh Trail, with its romantic and picturesquely wild scenery, its thoroughly colonial log house filled with rare relics of misty by-gones, and its historic associations clustered about every spot, is a famous resort and admirably adapted to a winter night's entertainment. Within the huge and massive walls that enclose the immense rooms constituting the hostelry, great cavernous fireplaces shed a superb study in light and shade among the pretty girls and lively boys till late in the "wee sma' hours." It was a delightful occasion, the details of which our poetic brothers have been expatiating on ever since the event. Numerous other social affairs have served to keep *enauit* at a safe distance from *Δ Δ*. Other events of an amusing character have occurred to brighten life here, prominent among which was a serenade given to their lady friends by Bros. Ade, Dorner and McCutcheon. The instruments used were a hand organ, from whose asthmatic confines Herr VonDornerl decoyed a *melange* of Beethoven, Mendelssohn, Mozart, Schubert and Wagner, accompanied by the bass-drum obligato of Signor MacCucioni,—Mr. *Aids*, as musical director fairly surpassed himself in that capacity.

*Δ Δ* acknowledges a short visit from Bros. Pierce, Henning, Higgins and Spurlock of XI Chapter, on the occasion of the DePauw Zouave Drill in LaFayette December 7; also, from Bros. Randall and Pierce, of Delta Chi Chapter, February 9.

We heartily endorse the scheme of having the Provincial Convention at Indian apolis during the oratorical, and will have a generous number of representatives present. It was probably due to our impossibility to devote the time necessary for the preparation of a convention that one did not occur last year. So now we wish to atone, and will be glad to contri-

bute everything we can to promote the success of the occasion.

#### ZETA ZETA—CENTRE COLLEGE.

The *Bulletin* warns us that the letter is due which is expected of us for THE QUARTERLY. I am always at a loss where to touch this subject, but as we do not hold each other to strict account for illogical sequence, in common charity, I suppose, I will be released from severe criticism.

We have enjoyed the usual freedom from strifes and struggles that characterize the mass of mankind. Several nights since, however, some young gentlemen, in order to break the monotony of things, filled the halls of the dear old college building with stray wagons, carts, and sundry other vehicles, so that the sexton of the institution, on opening the doors of his charge, thought it had yielded to the tendency of the day, and been converted into a livery stable.

The Literary Societies have been alive to their interests this year, and have spared no pains nor labor to advance to the position of "peer of peers." A Declaimers' Contest was the first meeting of the season, into which eight spirited declaimers entered, and, after a well fought fight, Messrs. Caldwell and Latimer, both of the Chamberlain Society, were awarded the handsome gold medals offered for the prizes. Our libraries have been supplemented with standard magazines, and converted into comfortable reading rooms. There has been a steady healthy atmosphere surrounding us, and our progress has been marked. The usual exercises will be held on Washington's Birthday, though there has been much discussion relative to altering the exercises. Our chapter has not entered one of these public exercises since last June, when we gained reputation enough to lay off for a while. I suppose we will be found struggling for June medals again, if nothing befalls us. The contest in which we select our representative for the Inter-Collegiate Oratorical Association Contest, will take place next month,

and, if our representative does himself as proud as did Noel, Centre's man last year, we will truly be able to boast, if such were our nature. There is never want of speakers on this portion of the earth's surface, as Blackburne, Breckinridge, W. C. P., and his illustrious kinsman, J. C. Breckinridge, Vest, McCreary, and others, all of whom are graduates of Centre College, and representatives of the Commonwealth in Congress, will surely prove. But, my dear reader, think not there is an attempt to exalt ourselves of this account; little does any man's fame achieve for his country or state, unless his name is held up unsullied by those who follow.

In the last *QUARTERLY* we noticed quite a number of most cordial invitations from the various chapters to all wandering Sigs to visit them, and with them, promises of good cheer and warm welcome. Now that Kentucky may seem not to be outdone, I intend to give an invitation of an unlimited nature. We will not now say you are welcome, for that would imply that you had, at some time, been barred, but will say with all our hearts, *come*. If you wish horses, we have them to outstrip the fleet Arab; if you are in love with woman or with nature, we have both, and are noted for their powers in filling the aching void. For fear there may be among the readers of this issue the man who voted for the Prohibition ticket at the Chicago Biennial Convention, I shall not mention our liquor. These, to some extent, are articles of commerce, and are side issues, but, in truth, the mountains of Kentucky will soon be a living wilderness of men and machinery; but do not forget the invitation, and when you arrive you will be entertained with genuine hospitality.

#### ZETA PSI—UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI

Since our last letter, the local society known as the "Hour Glass Club," has been taken into *B Θ II*. They were taken up to Miami University and put through by the chapter located there. They will not receive their charter until

the meeting of the Grand Chapter of *B Θ II*, and are, at present, working under a dispensation. They boast of eleven members, of whom two are Seniors, one a Junior, three Sophomores, three Freshmen, and two Specials. In addition to this, two Specials, who had been members of the Club, but who had left the University, were received into the Fraternity.

Zeta Psi has not been dismayed by the entrance of this rival, but has been rather spurred to new endeavors thereby. We have taken in two new men, Harry E. Warrington and Marshall K. Bonsall. The former is a member of '90, the latter a Special in Chemistry. Both have evinced remarkable interest in the good of both chapter and fraternity, and we cannot help but feel that they are important acquisitions to our roll of membership.

At the election of Editors and Directors of the "*McMicken Review*," *Σ X* men carried off six offices to *B Θ II*'s one.

We have secured two very good rooms in the neighborhood of the University. One we have fitted up as a sitting room, the other we use as a "Hall of Torture." Bro. Bonsall was the first to be put through in the new quarters, and he can testify to the fitness of the name for the latter room.

The project of establishing a *Σ X* Club House in this city, has, we are sorry to say, fallen through. We did what we could to arouse the alumni, but it was of no avail. So the matter has been dropped. We are sorry for this, as there are about sixty Sigs engaged in business in Cincinnati, and there ought to be more life in them.

The prospect for more members this year does not seem very good at present, as *B Θ II* and we have absorbed all the good material. This is too bad, but, rather than lower *Z Ψ*'s high standard, we must put up with a smaller roll of membership. We have at present twelve active members, three of whom will graduate this year. Two others intend leaving the University at the end of this year, so that a man or two more would not go

amiss with us. But, nevertheless, you may be sure we will not sacrifice quality for quantity.

### THETA THETA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

Flourishing and enthusiastic, powerful in quantity and quality, and ever true to the principles of justice, friendship and learning, Θ Θ greets her sister chapters.

Since the last issue of our QUARTERLY three have sought our brotherhood, stood the tests, and been enrolled as members of Θ Θ. They are as follows: Morton E. Stevens, of Trinidad, Colorado; Tolman T. Gelder, of Virden, Ill.; and Walter C. Parmetto, of Lima, Ohio. The first two were eagerly sought by the Alpha Tau Omegas, a new fraternity, which within the last month began working in the law department of this University. Mr. Parmetto was "spiked" by the Φ Δ Φ's, our most potent rival (if we have any), but theirs also was disappointment. With these additions our chapter at present numbers fifteen, and with some five or six *fratres in Universitate*, we can summon over twenty Sigs to introduce our next initiate into the mystery of Σ X. Every member of our chapter, with the possible exception of one or two, have "frat" pins. Our parlors have been newly refitted and here, after our business meetings are over, we spend our Saturday evenings in musical and literary exercises. We have received only one chapter letter which was a very interesting and encouraging one, from Mu, Denison University.

On two occasions recently, we had the pleasure of entertaining brothers from other chapters. Our first opportunity presented itself through the medium of a foot ball game between the U. of M. and the Albion teams; among the latter were a number of Sigs, all of whom proved most agreeable acquaintances. The other occasion was on the date of Miss Helen Barry's performance in this city, when we had the good fortune of meeting Mr. Burr W. McIntosh, her leading man and an old Sig from Φ chapter of Lafayette, Pa. Upon becoming acquainted with Mr. McIntosh's relationship, the chapter at-

tended the performance in a body, presented Miss Barry with flowers, and Mr. McIntosh with a beautiful floral design representing the white cross of Σ X. After the performance, the male members of the troupe were invited to the "frat" house, where they were entertained by our boys. Upon leaving, Mr. McIntosh promised us some large-size photos of himself in stage costume, which we received a few days since.

All is harmonious in Θ Θ, and every member is a most ardent devotee at the shrine of Σ X.

### ALPHA GAMMA—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

Alpha Gamma has initiated no new men since the time of the last letter, but has pledged several desirable young fellows, one of whom is Chas. E. Kilbourne, Jr., son of the Commandant of the battalion. We have always been noted for our hold on the army, and with Capt. Potter, Lieut. Gale, and several non-commissioned officers, our influence is not waning.

The Oratorical Contest was held on the 11th of January and our man, D. Tod Roy, had a complete "walk over" for first place, he being thirty-nine points ahead out of a possible six hundred. We were supremely delighted with our victory, and gave our brother an elegant banquet on the evening of the 12th. About thirty of us from the city and college sat down to the feast. Bro. Chas. Davis presided, and called on each of us for a song, a story, and a speech. As the hours wore away the mirth and fun increased in volume, and when we finally broke up with a rousing "Vive la Sigma Chi," it would have been difficult to find a jollier, happier crowd than we.

Bro. Hall has been elected to preside on University Day. Last year Bro. Hedges was given the same honor. Unluckily, we have no Junior now to elect a year hence.

### ALPHA ZETA—BELOIT COLLEGE.

"The winter of our discontent" is upon us, though, as yet, it has been a very mild

sort of a one. We accidentally forgot to chronicle, in the last chapter letter, the great Sig event of the year. That was the delightful party which Miss Merrill, sister of Bro. Merrill, gave the Sigs and their lady friends last fall. It was a most pleasant occasion, and the kindness will not soon be forgotten.

On Thanksgiving Day, Mrs. C. Ingersoll, the mother of one of our august Seniors, and who long ago by *vote voce* vote was unanimously elected an honorary member of Alpha Zeta, entertained all the Sigs who did not go home on that occasion. She entertained them in her usual style. That is adjective enough. We, who were fortunate enough to be there, feasted in *our* usual Sig style. *That* is adjective enough. It may be thrown in parenthetically, that a good part of Alpha Zeta's chapter letters seem to be records of gastronomic events—past, present and to come. Well, that is so, and why not? The true chapter letter should reflect the life and character of the chapter, and not be a mere catalogue of chapter honors and gossip; and while *A Z* has many notable characteristics, the assimilating of food is her *chef d'œuvre*.

This term in Beloit is always very quiet, little to do except study. Society happenings have been few and far between this year.

The Juniors are busily engaged in putting the finishing touches to the MSS. and drawing of the "Oodet," the first regular college "annual," previous to sending the book to the publishers. The class is confident that the book will be a success. The chapter is well represented in the editorial and business departments. We have purchased a special chapter engraving from Wright, of Philadelphia, for publication in the annual.

We are making an earnest endeavor to have our meetings more interesting this winter than ever before. The Literary Committee, which generally is a mythical body, is trying to do a little practical work.

There is a larger number of barbs of strength and ability this year than ever before. There is a possibility that there

may be some organization effected among them, though that is not at all likely.

The Archæan debate was held Dec. 17. Bro. Helm was one of the leading speakers, and acquitted himself to the honor of the fraternity. The Home Centest is the next event of interest. *A Z* will not be represented on that occasion.

We miss Bro. Evans very much. He is detained at home by sickness.

#### ALPHA THETA—MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.

Since our last letter we have initiated but one man, Bro. John A. Highlands, a native of Fall River, a great man in football and base ball, and, of course, a good fellow. Bro. Willard has left for home again this year as he did last. Whether he will return next year is, at present, an unsettled question. In the way of social affairs, Bro. Tracy favored us with an oration last week, and Bro. Merrill with a poem, both of which were greeted with a great deal of tumult. Our annual banquet will take place next month, and we all are looking forward to it with great expectations. Quite a number of alumni are to be present, and, as usual, the affair will probably be lively.

Sigma Chi and Alpha Theta have recently become quite famous in the person of Bro. Pierce, who helps adorn the front page of the New York *Illustrated News* this week, as a "sturdy young hero" of tug-of-war fame. Two years ago he anchored a Tech team against Harvard's winning Mott Haven team, and won by three inches. Since then he has won seven victories and never been defeated. He is at present skillfully eluding cameras to keep his photo out of the *Police Gazette*. Our chief aim at present is to find just the right man to respond to a toast on "the goat," at our dinner. At present it looks as if we should secure the proper person.

While in New York, during our football season, the Bros. at Stevens Institute suggested the idea of holding a Provincial Convention of the First Province, sometime during the coming year. Alpha

Theta has discussed the matter somewhat, and the outcome is that Grand Prætor Merrill has sent letters of inquiry to the different chapters to obtain their views on the subject. Of course there are many obstacles in the way. The chapters of the First Province are widely separated and there seems to be no sufficiently well situated central place for a meeting. On the other hand, because of this separation, it is very rarely that we receive a call from a brother of the First Province, and so personal communication between the chapters is decidedly at a minimum. Some of the chapters were unable to send delegates to the General Convention, last summer, and a Provincial Convention would, therefore, be very much to their advantage. Alpha Theta earnestly hopes that this matter may be successfully carried out, and invites the co-operation of her sister chapters.

#### ALPHA LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

Since Alpha Lambda last wrote THE SIGMA CHI QUARTERLY, she has pursued the even tenor of her ways in University life without a break. Nov. 19 we initiated Homer Sylvester, '92; since then we have taken a rest as far as new men are concerned, for two reasons—there are no more available men for Sigma Chi, and we need a short freedom from rushing in order to enter upon it more vigorously next term, when a good part of the rushing for next year is done.

We are well satisfied with our five freshmen, all of whom have developed into enthusiastic and loyal Sigs. Four of them hold offices in the U. W. Battalion and one does not drill. Two of Alpha Lambda's Sophomores hold high military offices, one does not drill and one is content with a high privacy in the rear rank. Bro. S. Durand is Captain of B Company, Bro. Armstrong, 1st Lieutenant of A Co.; Bros. Warren and Dexter are sergeants, and Bros. Sylvester and Morgan, corporals. Bro. Armstrong is also assistant business manager of our college paper, the *Ægis*, and one of the four Sophomore debaters

of the public exhibition of the Philomathia Literary Society. Bro. Butterick is orator of the Adelpia Literary Society's public exhibition. So much for honors.

January 25, *A A* gave a very pretty cotillion at the home of Bro. Morrison. Among the invited guests were Governor and Mrs. Hoard, Supreme Court Judge Cassoday and wife, and State Senator Cooper of Omega Chapter. Fourteen couples participated under the able leadership of Bro. Morrison. The annual party given by *B Θ Π*, *Φ K Ψ* & *Δ Θ*, *X Ψ* and *Σ X* will occur on March 1. Great preparations are being made for it, with the intention of eclipsing all the former inter-fraternities. *Δ T Δ* applied for admission to the party but were refused. *Δ T* then followed suit and demanded recognition from the other fraternities here, which they have never received, though they were established here in 1895. They will be recognized now, but not admitted into the inter-fraternity party until next year.

Great excitement was aroused among the Greeks the latter part of last term by the recommendation of the Board of Visitors, that Greek Letter Societies be abolished here. However, the Board of Regents did not take any action on the subject at the last meeting. But the time will come when they will try to send *A A* back to Chicago; so don't be surprised if you see blood on the moon.

Bro. Tibbits ran down for a few days to participate in our cotillion last month. Bro. Armstrong, '86, is also a frequent visitor to *A A*.

In conclusion, *A A* wishes all the chapters as good luck as she is now having, and hopes their Tribunes will wake up to the fact that she can be found at 221 Langdon St., Madison.

#### ALPHA XI—KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY.

Kansas State University has entered upon her second term, and the festive prep. has settled down to business. The oratorical association has been replaced by a new one, and so all matters of conten-

tion and strife are gone. The Law students celebrated Washington's Birthday by appropriating the pictures from the art room and the *busts* from the classical museum, and arranging them very artistically (?) in the law lecture room. The Faculty has decided that the Laws are *lawless*.

The Legislature has had quite a time to agree what Kansas State University should have to pay its Profs. and to carry on its various departments. They have finally decided that \$78,000 for the next year is sufficient. The Moody bill, which takes effect in '90, passed at the present session of the Legislature, gives Kansas State University two-tenths of a mill on all taxable property in the State. Harvard recognizes our talent and has offered Prof. Marsh, the Assistant Professorship of Belles Lettres. He has accepted and is to study in Europe the coming two years before taking his Chair. While we are very sorry to lose the Prof. we congratulate Harvard on having procured so able a man.

At the last election of officers in the *Times* Company, Bro. Butler was given the position of Business Manager and Bro. Taylor that of Associate Editor.

Bro. Baker, formerly of Beloit, Wis., was in this city for some little time in the interest of an Insurance Company, and renewed his youth by spending the afternoon with the boys.

Feb. 15 is a date which will be remembered by the Sigs and many of the young ladies of our city. It was one of the events of the season. The Frat Halls were beautifully decorated, and it was the general expression of those present that the object was attained. The weather was as usual when the Sigs give a party—rainy—but the only result of that was a harvest for the cab men. The banquet was served on the Opera House stage, and, taken as a whole, it was a decided success.

March 8 is the date of the Pan Hellenic banquet, and the *usual* good time is anticipated. The police force have received fair warning, and consequently there will be no man on that beat. The cider factory has been purchased and the clemency of

the gods invoked. It is a glorious thing that Saturday is a holiday for students, and that Sunday intervenes between that and Monday. Thus we recognize the kind hand of providence.

Since our last contribution we have initiated, and now take pleasure in introducing to the White Cross Legion, Wm. E. Royster, of Chanute, and Edward Martindale, of Emporia, Kas. Two better boys are not to be found.

#### ALPHA OMICRON—TULANE UNIVERSITY.

It again becomes Alpha Omicron's pleasant duty to write a letter for *THE QUARTERLY*. Fraternities at Tulane have been on a boom; and, although there have been very few men taken in by the old fraternities, two new ones have granted charters to Tulane petitioners, and both have a fair number of men. The Kappa Sigmas have started a chapter in the college, while the Sigma Nu's have one in the Medical Department; this swells the number of fraternities at Tulane to five, viz.,  $\Sigma N$ ,  $K \Sigma$ ,  $A T \Omega$ ,  $K A$  and  $E X$ .

Our intermediate examinations are just over, and we start out again on a new half session, having blotted out our old (bad) scores. The carnival processions will start in a few days. Many of the Sigs will take part in the procession; while, generally, the whole chapter can be seen at any of the large Carnival balls.

This has been a particularly gay winter in society, and as the Sigs are generally honored with their share of invitations, there has been no small amount of dissipation in the chapter. During the winter months it is very difficult to get a full meeting on any night in the week, but even if we do manage to have every man present, two or three will certainly come in their evening suits, expecting after the meeting to attend some reception.

In our last letter we had the pleasure of introducing formally, to the fraternity at large, Bro. Hewes T. Gurley; in this letter we have the honor of telling our brothers throughout the country, that Bro. Gurley has been elected Valedictorian of our Law

Department. Bro. Gurley is a young man, and had a very hard fight. Bro. Fenner, last year did honor to his chapter and fraternity by being Valedictorian of the college, and this year Bro. Gurley will keep it up.

There is at present going on in our chapter a chess tournament, the principal members of which are Bros. Leovy, Norton and Milner. Many of the boys come down to the chapter house on the evening when a game is going on, and a great deal of interest is shown by all present. At our last meeting, held on February 22, we initiated Bro. Marshall J. Gasquet, Jr., and take this opportunity of introducing him to the fraternity at large.

As all the processions during Carnival week pass our rooms, we have a scheme to ask the Sigma Chi girls to come down to our club rooms and see the processions from the gallery.

Our Chapter Tribune received a letter from Gamma, relative to a convention of our province; we like the idea very much, but as we are situated so very far from Delaware, Ohio, we have found it impossible to send a delegate during the school session.

"Sigma Chi Tennis Club" is the newest thing in our chapter; we have a lot up town, situated very conveniently for many of the boys. We also have young ladies, members in the club, who not only add grace to the affair, but urge some of the naturally *blasé* Sigs to play, thus affording them sufficient exercise.

We anticipate, very soon, a visit from Brother Dan. M. Griffith, Jr., who graduated from our Medical Department last year, and who now lives in Kentucky.

#### ALPHA PI—ALBION COLLEGE.

Again the time has come for our QUARTERLY to gladden the heart of every true Sig, and Alpha Pi makes her contribution with abundant reason for the feeling of satisfaction and pride which pervades all her members—satisfaction in that our chapter is in such a prosperous and harmonious condition, and that every member is doing his best

to make it more so, and pride in the grand old Fraternity which has carried herself so nobly and which we all love so well.

The first Saturday evening of the term found eleven active members, and three alumni of our chapter gathered in our hall. One of them the Fraternity has not yet met, and we take great pleasure in introducing him—Bro. J. W. Staley, '92, of Grayling, Michigan, who was initiated December 15, 1888. It is sufficient to say of him that he is of the stuff of which true Sigs are made. Although our initiates of this year have been few, the men we have got are the very best, and we have two more of the same kind pledged.

We celebrated Thanksgiving, Saturday evening, Dec. 1, with one of Bro. C. R. Smith's porkers, and our "festive board" groaned with the roast pig and good things which accompanied it. The occasion was made doubly enjoyable by the presence of some of the "old boys"—Bros. Smith, Will and Frank Loomis, Hagle and Burnham gracing the assemblage with their smiling countenances.

As usual, we have our share of honors, Bro. White being President of the Erosophian Literary Society, Bro. Springer Foot Ball Manager, and Bro. Critchett President of the Athletic Association.

But while we have been doing this work and gaining these distinctions, we have been busied in another matter, which we are glad now to announce to the Fraternity—the Trustees of the College have granted to us a piece of land, very pleasantly situated, on which to erect a chapter hall and we hope to be able to see many of our Sigma Chi brothers present at the dedication of the hall about next commencement. Plans have been perfected and the work begun. The building will be of good size and will have a basement in which all the mysteries and horrors of Sheol will be ready at any time to present themselves before the terrified gaze of the trembling neophyte. It will be entirely of stone, and of a very fine style of architecture. The sentiment of the institution is averse to a

chapter house, and we thought it best to build a hall which we think will serve well our purposes.

Albion College is in a most prosperous condition, and its attendance is considerably increased over that of former years. Every department is well filled and the appointment of a new Preceptress, who will also lecture in the Musical Conservatory, has been necessitated by its growth.

Our rival,  $\Delta T \Delta$ , is strong in numbers, having eighteen men, but we feel abundantly able to cope with her at any time.

In conclusion, we wish happiness and prosperity to all in Sigma Chi, and that our Fraternity may bear her glorious banner before all others.

#### ALPHA RHO—LEHIGH UNIVERSITY.

The second term began January 10, and, unlike other years, without any new desirable men. Everything is in the same condition as last term, and Alpha Rho is doing as well as she can be expected to do, all things taken into consideration. But one point on which the chapter is unanimous, is the complaint against our sister chapters for their obdurate silence. It is getting to be very monotonous to ask our Tribune if he has received any letters, and to receive a negative reply. It is a very easy position to fill just now, and all the lazy men of Alpha Rho are striving for the "snap." However, the present incumbent who is exceedingly clever in that line, emphatically declines to resign. Last year our Tribune wrote to all the chapters. A few answered so that the majority owe us letters. Nothing promotes a friendly and brotherly spirit so much as the chapter letters which formed such a pleasant part of our meetings. And this year, the chapters are as silent in regard to their state as President-elect Harrison was in regard to his Cabinet. We hope that the family will let us hear from them sometime in the near future.

We remain the same in point of numbers, as there are no "good" men in college who are not Greeks. There are twelve fraternities at Lehigh now, viz. (in the order of their establishment),  $X \Phi$ ,

$\Delta T \Omega$ ,  $\Delta \Phi$ ,  $\Psi T$ ,  $\Theta \Delta X$ ,  $\Delta T$ ,  $\Sigma N$ ,  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ ,  $\Sigma \Phi$ ,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ ,  $\Sigma X$ , and  $\Delta T \Delta$ , the last being re-established last term.

The prospects are very good for a prosperous season in athletics. The Lacrosse team is the same as the excellent one of last year, with the exception of one man. The coming base ball nine will undoubtedly be the best one Lehigh has ever had, and great things are expected from both teams. As we have some Sigs on the two, let us hope that we will not be disappointed.

#### ALPHA SIGMA—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

Although  $\Delta \Sigma$  has not had a long existence, still she is making some progress toward the goal of her ambition, which is, second to none.

Our college session opened in September with an attendance greatly exceeding that of any previous year. The increase of students from four hundred and ninety-six to seven hundred and fifty is due, not only to the boom in the collegiate department proper, but also to the establishment of the law and medical departments. The college of Mechanic Arts has been recently added to the University. Science Hall is being erected, and is expected to be ready for use at the beginning of the next college year. It has a frontage of two hundred and forty-five feet. The erection of the Students Christian Association building, costing \$15,000, is an expressive example of the enterprise existing among the students. Many other organizations, social and political, testify to their spirit and enterprise.

$\Delta \Sigma$  has to contend with  $X \Psi$ ,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ ,  $\Phi K \Psi$ , the local fraternity,  $\Theta \Phi$ , and  $\Delta T \Delta$ . Two Sororities have established chapters here, viz.,  $K K \Gamma$  and  $\Delta \Gamma$ .

The charter members of  $\Delta \Sigma$  are as follows: A. A. Dodge, '91; M. H. Gerry, Jr., '90; H. N. Kennedy, '90; Lane MacGregor, '89; W. M. Dodge, '90; B. F. Coffin, '92; and G. H. Meacham, '89, formerly of  $\Delta Z$ , to which number have been added: F. D. Merchant, '92; and E. B. Gardner, '91. Bro. Merchant is an en-



thusiastic Sig, a fine musician, and a thorough gentleman; in fact, he is such a worthy man that he was with difficulty prevented from rooming at the  $\Delta T \Delta$  chapter house. Bro. E. B. Gardner, by his amusing antics, rapidly ingratiated himself into the favor of all the Sigs, and immediately became the pet of the chapter. He is a man we had in view before we began our existence.

Upon beginning our career, we were the recipient of a gift from  $\Delta \Delta$  chapter, which, both for its intrinsic value and the further evidence of fraternal greeting and love which it signifies to us, is doubly prized.

$\Delta \Sigma$  has had the following honors conferred upon her: Bro. Hoyt is Business Manager of the Engineers' Club, Vice-President of the Delta Sigma Literary Society, and First Sergeant of Company A, University Cadets; Bro. Gerry, Jr., is Prex. of the Engineers' Club, First Lieutenant of Company B, University Cadets; Bro. A. A. Dodge is one of the ora-

tors at the coming home contest; Bro. Meacham's selection as Assistant at the Experimental Station has been reported satisfactory to the Executive Committee.

On the day of prayer for colleges, the rumbling of fraternity warfare, which had been going on silently for some time, at last broke forth. It appears that  $X \Psi$  and  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  had been rushing the same man, and the struggle became so fierce that they began to assail the personal character of the individuals.  $\Delta T \Delta$  then became involved. Quite a disturbance was created, but "Prexie" investigated the matter, and, two days afterward, made announcements in chapel to the effect that each fraternity withdrew its accusations; he also gave the fraternity men to understand that there should be no more mud flinging; that this was incompatible with the existence of fraternities.

$\Delta \Sigma$  sends her best wishes to all sister chapters, and will receive all Sigs with open doors and a warm greeting.

## Personalia.

**EDWARD B. WISEMAN**—Alpha Rho, '88—has a lucrative position in Williamsport, Pa., as civil engineer for the Pennsylvania Railroad.

**WILLIAM R. SATTLER**—Alpha Rho, '88—is in Germany with North German Lloyd.

**ENRIQUE A. RAMSDEN**—Alpha Rho, '92—is in England. He will enter the military school at Sandhurst, after which he intends to enter the British army.

Some verses by **G. E. LEFEVRE**—Alpha Rho, '91—have recently appeared in *Facts* and in the *Philadelphia Press*.

**W. L. McPHERSON**—Theta, '88—of the New York *Tribune*, has been representing that paper in Indianapolis, Ind., for several months.

**REV. C. R. TROWBRIDGE**—Theta, '82—responded to the toast, "Our Alumni," at the banquet of the Pennsylvania College Alumni Association in Philadelphia on February 12.

**L. J. BUTT, Esq.**—Theta, '84—was admitted to the bar at the January term of Court, and will practice his profession in Gettysburg, Pa.

**REV. CHARLES M. STOOK**—Theta, '74—of Hanover, Pa., has been appointed one of the Grand Chaplains of the Masonic Order of Pennsylvania.

**E. J. MCKEE**—Theta, '88—is very successful in the hardware business at Hagerstown, Md.

**CHRISTIAN GOSH**—Theta, '86—is practicing law in Watsontown, Pa.

**EDWIN R. FREEMAN**—Zeta Psi, '87—is studying medicine in Cincinnati with his cousin, Dr. L. R. FREEMAN, Zeta Psi, '82, who has quite a large practice in that city.

**JOHN THAYER KEBLER**—Zeta Psi, '87—is at present chemist to the Denver Coal and Fuel Co., Denver, Col.

**H. W. SKINNER**—Alpha Lambda, '90—is slowly recovering his health at Colorado Springs, Colorado, after an attack of pneumonia.

**E. R. JOHNSON**—Alpha Lambda, '88—is making a great success as principal of the Boscobel High School, Boscobel, Wis.

**F. F. TIBBITS**—Alpha Lambda, '89—is principal of the High School at Humbert, Wis. He expects to enter the class of '91 at the University of Wisconsin next September.

**FRANK PITTMAN**—Alpha Lambda, '88—is in his father's drug store at Boscobel, Wis. He drops in upon his chapter occasionally, when making trips around the country, sight-seeing and buying goods with which to dose the patients of Dr. ARMSTRONG, Alpha Lambda, '86.

**EDWARD J. SMITH**—Phi Phi, '78—member of the firm of Charles Smith & Son, brokers of Philadelphia, is spending the winter in Thomasville, Ga.

**CHARLES T. THOMPSON**—Upsilon, '76—was married in November, and has taken up his new residence at 2116 Spruce street, Philadelphia.

**EDWARD M. GREEN, Jr.**—Zeta Zeta, '87—has entered the second year of the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania. His first year in medicine was spent at Tulane University, New Orleans, where he enjoyed the company of Alpha Omicron.

**HARRY D. LATIMER**—Alpha Lambda, '88—has changed his residence from Elsinore, California, to the well known and busy city of Pomona, and has entered the book and stationery business.

**RICHARD FIELD**—Omicron, '91—is now a sophomore in the University of Pennsylvania.

**B. GORDON BROMLEY**—Phi Phi, '77—and **DWIGHT M. LOWREY**, Gamma, '78, both prominent young lawyers of Philadelphia, have removed their offices to the Drexel Building.

**DR. WM. D. MCCLERS**—Gamma Gamma and Phi Phi—late resident physician in the Philadelphia Hospital, has been elected city physician of Wichita, Kansas, where he is making a practical success of his profession.

**DR. H. B. WILLIAMS**, who recently held the position of assistant superintendent of the State Lunatic Asylum at Little Rock, Arkansas, is spending the winter in Philadelphia, perfecting himself in diseases of the eye at the Mills Eye Hospital, conjointly with special work in diseases of the ear and throat at the Medico-Chirurgical College Hospital.

DR. GEO. A. LUNG—Kappa and Phi Phi—has been elected assistant surgeon in the U. S. Navy, and was recently assigned to duty.

DR. S. LEWIS ZIEGLER—Phi Phi, '84—who has been house surgeon at the Wills Eye Hospital at Philadelphia, Pa., for the past two years, has recently been elected chief surgeon to the eye department of St. Joseph's Hospital, Philadelphia.

HON. 'J. W. HUNTER—Beta, '79—has lately taken his seat in the legislature of Missouri. He is practicing law in California, Mo.

CHARLES PHELLIS, JR.—Gamma, '65—is a farmer and stock dealer at Rosedale, Ohio. He is a member of the Darby Plains Live Stock Importing Company, and the county correspondent of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

CHAS. J. BOCHER—Theta Theta, '81—is a member of the law firm of Harding, Bocher & Harding, at Fort Smith, Ark. He is also joint owner of the Rendrock Quarry, the only one in Arkansas which is run by steam.

A. V. BRASHEAR—Chi, '87—has entered McCormick Theological Seminary at Chicago, Ill.

FRED. C. KOONS—Chi, '87—is representing, at Union City, Tenn., Walter A. Woods, agricultural implement manufacturer, of Louisville, Ky.

CHAS. S. DOWNING—Delta Delta, '80—is traveling for the drug house of Robt. Stevenson & Co., of Chicago, with headquarters at La Fayette.

B. W. MACINTOSH—Phi, '84—is in the theatrical world with the "Helen Barry" company.

SHELLEY B. JONES—Alpha Pi, '88—is in the drug business at Greenville, Mich.

W. C. VAN LOO—Alpha P, '86—is clerk of the Senate Finance Committee in the Michigan Legislature.

S. BURNHAM—Alpha Pi, '90—is principal of the public schools at Climax, Mich.

W. M. CONNABLE—Alpha Pi, '91—is attending the University of Denver, at Denver, Colo.

A. E. HAGLE—Alpha Pi, '88—is general agent for Darling Bros.' publishing house, Detroit, Mich.

HOWARD M. GORDON—Xi, '86—is visiting in Topeka, Kas., with an intention of locating.

CHAS. E. STURGIS—Xi, '88—is one of the editors of the *Bluffton Banner*, at Bluffton, Ind.

C. E. LINE—Xi, '82—who was compelled to leave college on account of ill health has sufficiently recovered to pursue the studies of the theological department of Depauw University.

ORLA B. TAYLOR—Theta Theta, '87—holds a responsible position in the law offices of Edwin F. Conely, Esq., at Detroit, Mich.

PROF. ELIAS COMPTON—Beta, '81—is one of the editors of the *Post Graduate and Wooster Quarterly*. The magazine is devoted to the encouragement of advanced scientific, literary, and philosophical studies in connection with professional work, and especially represents the Post Graduate Department and the Alumni of the University of Wooster.

DR. CHAS. E. JONES—Gamma, '71—is practicing medicine at Austin, a suburb of Chicago, Ill.

HEYWOOD COCHRAN—Alpha Theta, '85—is civil engineer for the Louisville Bridge and Iron Company at Louisville, Ky.

DENTON D. STARK—Iota, '61—is an accountant at 24 Sacramento street, San Francisco, Cal.

CHAS. J. CARLE—Rho, '82—is engaged in the culture of raisins at Santa Paula, Cal.

CHARLES F. MILLER—Xi, '85—is practicing law at Russell Springs, Kas.

W. S. BLAISDELL—Theta Theta, '87—will graduate this session at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Baltimore, Md.

HENRY S. MAGRAW—Phi, '76—has been agent for the Continental Oil Co. at Helena, Montana, since November, 1887.

The *Milwaukee Sentinel*, in January of this year, contained the following item concerning R. C. SPENCER, Jr., Alpha Lambda, '86:

*Honors to a Young Milwaukeean.*—Of the fifty-five designs in the late competitive exhibit of the New York Architectural League to which reference was made in last Sunday's *Sentinel*, and in which Oscar Enders took the second medal, R. C. Spencer, Jr., received second honorable mention. The young man is a son of R. C. Spencer, of this city; and in his case the constructive genius and eye for the beautiful has from childhood up revealed in architectural designs. R. C., Jr., received his preliminary education in the common schools of Milwaukee. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin in the mechanical engineering course, at the head of his class, in 1884, spent a year in the office of Architect H. C. Koch, this city, and entered the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, from which he graduated last June, since which time he has been studying and practicing in the leading architects' offices of Boston. His talents and attainments are receiving recognition both in Boston and New York.

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## SECOND PROVINCIAL CONVENTION OF THE THIRD PROVINCE.

*Held at Delaware, Ohio, April 26 and 27, 1889.*

For several weeks past the most talked of topic among the Sigma Chis of the Third Province, has been "the coming convention." At last the chosen date came around, and April 26 and 27 are two never-to-be-forgotten days in the history of that province. All possible preparation for the reception and entertainment of the visiting Sigs had been made by the home chapter, Gamma, and right royally did they receive us.

The delegates began to arrive Thursday evening, and almost every train, up to Saturday evening, contributed one or two more to the jolly crowd. We made our headquarters at the Donavin House, which, through the courtesy of the genial host, was appropriately decorated with "Blue and Gold" streamers, and was wholly given up to the entertainment of the Sigs. Friday afternoon we repaired to the rooms of the local chapter, and passed the time very pleasantly in renewing old acquaintances and forming new ones, until the sound of Grand Prætor Stilwell's gavel brought the meeting to order to listen to the address of welcome by E. G. Lybrand, Gamma, '86. In the absence of Hon. O. S. Brumback, who was expected to deliver the response, a most hearty response was given by the entire assembly, in the shape of three rousing cheers to the memory of Alpha, and to the health and prosperity of her worthy successor, Gamma.

At 4.45 P. M. the Convention, some thirty-five strong, marched *en masse* upon the college chapel, where seats had been reserved for us through the foresight of Gamma Chapter. Here we were accorded an unusual, as well as a most unexpected honor, by the venerable Dr. McCabe, in the form of a formal introduction to the large assembly. Grand Prætor Stilwell, in response, struck a very happy thought, and, we imagine, raised the reverend gentleman's opinion of the Sigma Chi Fraternity several degrees, by tickling his vanity a little as to the merits of the

college. In the evening, at 8 o'clock, a magnificent reception was given us by the ladies of Monnett Hall. It occurred to the irrepressible Wilson, of Zeta Psi, that the ladies, being introduced to so many gentlemen in the course of the evening, might have some difficulty in remembering names, and he accordingly proposed that every man write his name on a card and pin it on his coat. The suggestion was acted upon and pronounced a great success by the ladies. In fact, Bro. Wilson's schemes are all voted a success by the fair sex. But to come back from this personal digression to the reception. Immediately upon the arrival at Monnett Hall, all the ladies were introduced to the fraternal band, and there followed an exceptionally enjoyable time among the young ladies and gentlemen present. The spacious parlor and library, as well as the Society halls, were brilliantly illuminated, and together with the elegant costumes of the ladies, presented a very beautiful appearance. The time sped on very rapidly, as it always does on such occasions, and the ominous sound of the 10 o'clock bell echoed through the halls before we realized how fast the evening was passing. Fifteen minutes more would have added one more lady to our goodly number of "Sig girls," according to J. S. Van Winkle; but that bell had to be obeyed, and our Kentucky brother's partial conquest was necessarily abandoned. After the hearty good-byes had been said, the parting "grips" given, and the farewell glances exchanged, followed by three rousing cheers on the campus, the boys, loud in their praises of the ladies of Monnett Hall, reluctantly betook themselves to the hall of Gamma Chapter. Upon arriving at the hall, Dan'l F. Wilson was seized with another one of his brilliant ideas, which, by the way, added much to the enjoyment of the Convention, and proposed that the regular program of the evening give way to an experience meeting on the general topic of Initiations. As might be expected, this topic proved to be a most interesting one, and the discussion of it brought to light some very laughable information concerning the antics of that historical animal with which we all, at some time in our history, have come into close proximity, viz., the Sigma Chi goat. At a late hour the Convention adjourned, with the intention of getting a little sleep in preparation for the next day's work; but Smith, Z  $\Psi$ , solemnly swears, by all that is holy, that his naturally delicate nerves were so prostrated by the exercises of the day that sleeping was out of the question. However that may be, the Convention met again Saturday morning, sleep or no sleep, at 9.30, and continued in business session until noon. At 1.30 p. m., with characteristic egotism, we arranged ourselves on the steps of the Donavin House for the purpose of having our pictures taken; and, strange to say, the ordeal was safely passed without any serious damage



to the photographer's camera, or to ourselves. The next order of exercises was a drive about the beautiful little city of Delaware. All the places of interest were visited, and among them, of course, Monnett Hall. It was quite amusing to see the happy expressions glide over our faces as each one caught the eye of his best girl of the evening before, slyly looking out of the window, and it was only with the greatest difficulty that we succeeded in persuading Bro. Van Winkle, of Zeta Zeta, to continue the ride with us. After taking in the city the Convention convened in business session at 4.30 p. m., and adopted the rules for the permanent organization of the Provincial Convention, which, if sanctioned by the Grand Council, will greatly facilitate matters in future conventions. The last business session of the Convention was held Saturday evening, in the hotel parlors, and proved to be one of universal interest. Possibly the prospect of enjoying the banquet later in the evening, had something to do in creating the happy frame of mind so conspicuously present; for it has been said that the best way to reach the heart of a Sig, is through his stomach; at any rate, every one was in the best of spirits, and felt so good over the unparalleled success of the convention, that votes of thanks were moved faster than they could be recorded to one and all who had contributed to the pleasure and enjoyment of the occasion. The near approach of the hour set for the banquet caused a little nervousness in some of the members, notably in "fat and happy" Smith, of Zeta Psi; and as the business of the Convention was all transacted, we adjourned to meet in business session in the month of April, 1890, with Beta Chapter of the University of Wooster.

The banquet yet remains to be noticed. The large dining hall was very tastefully decorated with our much prized colors, while the arrangement of the viand-laden tables gave a faithful representation of our fraternity emblem. As one of the brothers remarked, "The Sigs are just as able bodied men at the table as any where else," and so it proved. Course after course of that tempting repast was dispatched with eagerness and grace. But there is a limit to every thing, and so there was to our eating ability. The toast list was as follows:

HON. D. K. WATSON, Gamma, '70, *Toast Master*.  
*Alpha*.....HON. T. E. POWELL, Gamma, '63.  
*Blue and Gold*.....H. S. BURROWES, Beta, '90.  
*The Quarterly*.....C. C. OVIATT, Alpha Gamma, '90.  
*The Sig at the Bar*.....J. B. CHILD, Esq., Mu, '85.  
*Modern Sigs*.....HON. HOWARD FERRIS, Mu, '74.  
*Gamma*.....SENATOR J. G. HUFFMAN, Gamma, '68.

It was with the deepest regret that word was received at the last moment, that Hons. D. K. Watson, Thomas E. Powell, and Howard

Ferris and J. G. Huffman, would be unable to attend. However, the Sigs are not the kind of fellows to give up any worthy enterprise on account of some disappointment, and the absentees' places were very creditably filled by D. Tod Roy, of Alpha Gamma, R. L. McCabe, of Gamma, Dan'l F. Wilson, Zeta Psi, and T. J. Hughes, Gamma, respectively. These gentlemen all spoke without notes, and consequently no accurate account of their remarks can be given. Music and laughter were sandwiched in between the succeeding flights of eloquence and oratory, and protracted the feast until the "wee sma' hours." Thus closed the eminently successful Convention of the Third Province. Too much cannot be said in praise of the work done by Gamma Chapter in preparing for the Convention. It was a big undertaking, but most skillfully executed. Every one present was most royally entertained, enjoyed himself to the utmost extent, and was truly sorry when it came time to give expression to—

"Farewell! A word that must be, and hath been—  
A sound which makes us linger;—yet—farewell"—

The following list of names was taken from a menu card, and if any names are omitted, the omission must not be regarded as intentional, but the result of an oversight:

H. C. STITWELL, Mu.	F. H. GALE, Alpha Gamma.
DANIEL F. WILSON, Zeta Psi.	R. J. ELLIS, Alpha Gamma.
H. S. BURROWES, Beta.	R. H. KINNAR, Alpha Gamma.
W. A. BENNETT, Zeta Psi.	AYLETTE FULLERTON, Beta.
IRVING SMITH, Zeta Psi.	L. A. IRETON, Gamma.
J. L. PRESTLEY, Beta.	PERRY SMITH, Gamma.
JOE BOWERS, Zeta Psi.	A. S. DAVIS, Gamma.
HARRY R. HALL, Alpha Gamma.	F. HUGHES, Gamma.
C. F. SCOTT, Gamma.	E. B. CAPPELLAR, Gamma.
J. E. AMOS, Mu.	R. L. MCCABE, Gamma.
J. B. CHILDS, Mu and Theta Theta.	W. T. MCKELVEY, Gamma.
A. A. THRESHER, Mu.	D. TOD ROY, Alpha Gamma.
O. WILKINSOM, Mu.	W. W. RIDDLE, Beta.
K. B. RINGLE, Mu.	CHAS. KILBOURNE, Alpha Gamma.
FRED PHELPS, Beta.	J. C. CRISWELL, Gamma.
C. C. OVIATT, Alpha Gamma.	W. H. HYNDMAN, Beta.
J. F. BALDWIN, Mu.	W. CHAMBERLIN, Mu.
S. B. QUEAL, Gamma.	S. W. RICHARDSON, Mu.
JNO. S. VAN WINKLE, Zeta Zeta.	ED. LYBRAND, Gamma.

## MINUTES.

The meeting was called to order in the hall of Gamma Chapter at 2.30 p. m., by Grand Prætor Stilwell, of Mu. An address of welcome was delivered by E. G. Lybrand, Gamma. In the absence of Hon. O. S. Brumback, who was expected to give the response, a hearty response was given by the entire assembly. The next part of the order of business was Permanent Organization. On motion of Jas. C. Criswell, Gamma, Henry C. Stilwell, of Mu, was chosen Presiding Officer, and Fred. Phelps, Beta, Annotator. Organization being completed, the regular program was taken up. On account of the absence of W. W. Riddle, of Beta, the order of exercises was changed by substituting the address on "Standard of Membership," by Willis A. Chamberlain, of Mu, in place of the one first on the program. Jas. C. Criswell, of Gamma, followed with a paper entitled "A Few Thoughts on Chapter Meetings." In the absence of the delegate from Eta, the paper on "Fraternity Publications," was passed over.

It was moved by Dan'l F. Wilson, of Zeta Psi, that a committee of three be appointed to present plan for discussion of the topics on the program. Wilson of Zeta Psi, Hughes, of Gamma, and Fullerton, of Beta, were appointed.

*The Report of the Committee on Plan for Discussion, was:* Each discussion shall be limited to 45 minutes. No speaker shall be allowed more than 5 minutes. Each paper shall be open for discussion immediately upon being read. For the first session, Friday afternoon, each debate shall be allowed 20 minutes only. On motion of A. A. Thresher, of Mu, the report was adopted. The next topic taken up for consideration was Chapter Meetings. Discussion largely turned upon the merits of literary performances.

The next subject on the program was the discussion of Fraternity Publications. Before the discussion of this question, however, there was a general discussion as to the best manner of getting the sentiment of the Convention on the various topics discussed, which took the shape of a motion by S. B. Queal, of Gamma, that a standing committee on resolutions be appointed to draw up resolutions embodying the sentiments of the Convention on each topic discussed, and present such resolutions to the Convention at its last session. O. O. A. Wilkinson of Mu, W. H. Hyndman of Beta, and J. S. Van Winkle, Zeta Zeta, were appointed.

*Discussion of Publications*—On motion of O. O. A. Wilkinson, of Mu, it was decided "That the Grand Tribune be advised that it is the sense of the Third Province, in convention assembled, that the publication of the *Bulletin* and *QUARTERLY*, in the same month, be discontinued upon condition proposed in last *Bulletin*."

On motion of Dan'l F. Wilson, of Zeta Psi, it was decided "that the evening session be given to an experience meeting on initiations, instead of to the consideration of topics on the regular program."

On motion of Dan'l F. Wilson, of Zeta Psi, it was decided that all members of the convention attend the reception at the Monnett Hall, properly labelled.

On motion of L. A. Ireton, of Gamma, it was decided "that the convention adjourn, and that each member be appropriately bedecked with colors."

FRIDAY EVENING.—The Convention met at 10.30 P. M. In accordance with the motion made at the afternoon session, the regular program of the evening gave way to an "Experience Meeting on Initiations."

SATURDAY MORNING.—The meeting opened at 9 A. M., with a hymn from the "Blue and Gold," followed by a paper on "Chapter Houses," by W. W. Riddle, of Beta. A general discussion ensued. The following paper on Provincial Conventions brought out considerable discussion, and led to a motion by Dan'l F. Wilson, of Zeta Psi, that the Convention go into a committee of the whole on Permanent Organization. On motion, Dan'l F. Wilson of Zeta Psi, H. S. Burrowes of Beta, and Willis A. Chamberlin of Mu, were appointed to present a plan of permanent organization.

H. S. Burrows, of Beta, moved that the Convention accept the proposition of Gamma Chapter, to take a drive about the city from 2 till 4 P. M.; and that the Convention convene in business session at 4.30 P. M. A. A. Thresher, of Mu, moved "that arrangements be made for having a picture of the Convention taken at 1.30 P. M." While the committee on plan of permanent organization were preparing their report, the Convention, on motion, took up the next topic on the program, a paper on "Secrecy of College Fraternities," by J. S. Van Winkle, of Zeta Zeta. The paper was followed by general discussion. The Committee failing to come in, the Convention adjourned.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.—The Convention convened at 4.30. The Minutes of previous session were read and adopted. A paper on "Inter-Chapter Relations," read by Dan'l F. Wilson, of Zeta Psi, was followed by general discussion, endorsing the sentiment that each chapter Tribune should write to each chapter in his Province at least once during each college term. The committee offered the following "Rules for the Government of Provincial Conventions in the Third Province of the ΣΧ Fraternity, which were adopted one by one, after full discussion of their merits:

I. "The chapters of this Province shall convene annually, in the month of April, on a date to be selected by the committee on order of business."

II. The Grand Prætor of the Province, by virtue of his office, shall be presiding officer.

III. At the first session an address of welcome shall be given by a member of the entertaining chapter. The response shall be given by the Grand Prætor or by a member appointed by the Grand Prætor.

IV. A committee on election of officers, other than Presiding Officer, shall be appointed by the Grand Prætor. This committee shall consist of one man from each chapter.

V. A committee on credentials shall be composed of three members appointed by the Grand Prætor.

VI. At each convention the Grand Prætor shall appoint a committee of arrangements, composed of three members, whose duty it shall be to select place of meeting for the next convention, which shall *not* be the same in two successive years.

VII. The Grand Prætor shall be chairman of the committee on "Order of Business." This committee shall consist of the Grand Prætor, and two members appointed by the entertaining chapter. The Grand Prætor shall announce to this committee the business to be transacted by the convention. The two other members of the committee shall announce to the committee the arrangements for entertaining the convention, and the committee shall arrange the order therefor.

VIII. Every active and alumni chapter shall send a delegate and an alternate to each convention.

IX. Every chapter shall be instructed to send invitations to every alumnus of that chapter.

X. A two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) vote of chapters during interim between conventions, shall be necessary to change the arrangements made by committee of arrangements.

XI. A two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) vote of delegates in convention assembled, may amend these rules.

On motion of Dan'l F. Wilson, of Zeta Psi, the permanent committee on resolutions was instructed to present a resolution to be laid before the Grand Council, asking for a more definite statement of the powers and obligations of the Provinces and the Grand Prætors. The Committee on Arrangements reported that the next convention would be held with Beta Chapter, in acceptance of her cordial invitation.

SATURDAY EVENING.—The Convention convened in the parlors of the Donavin House at 7.30 p. m. Moved by H. S. Burrowes, of Beta, that the banqueters pay a pro rata share of the expense of the banquet. Moved that the Custos be instructed to hunt up absent members. Absentees having come in, the committee on resolutions offered the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted one by one:

I. *Resolved*, That inasmuch as statistics show that a chapter house involves little more expense, if any, to individual members, than the mode of

living now in vogue at most of our western colleges, this Convention advises that chapter houses be established, when feasible ; but members are advised to board elsewhere to avoid undue exclusiveness.

II. *Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Convention, that the publication of the *Bulletin*, in the same months as the *Quarterly*, might be advantageously discontinued under the conditions named in the March *Bulletin*, viz., the issue of a Commencement number.

III. *Resolved*, That, in colleges at which exist effective literary societies, all Sigma Chis should join and take an active part in such societies, and in chapter meetings, literary exercises, if they are deemed advisable, should be confined to subjects of Fraternity interest or to extempore performances ; and furthermore, that in colleges where such societies do not exist, Sigma Chis should, at chapter meetings, diligently train themselves in the art of expressing ideas with fluency and grace, by systematic and general literary work.

IV. *Resolved*, That inter-chapter relations may be made more intimate and profitable by provincial conventions, by the substitution of hearty, animated letters, instead of the stereotyped and formal ones now so common between Tribunes, by visits to other chapters by any Sigma Chi to whom opportunity is offered, and, finally, by personal correspondence between members of different chapters who have met each other.

V. MEMORIAL TO GRAND COUNCIL.—*Resolved*, That we respectfully petition the Grand Council to more accurately define the powers of the Prætor, and to decide whether or not the Province can form a permanent organization ; and if rules governing said organization be signed by all the chapters, whether they shall be binding upon all the chapters ; and, if we have not such powers, may they be created by the Grand Council.

It was resolved that a copy of these resolutions, together with a copy of those embodying the rules for the government of the Provincial Convention, be sent to the Grand Council, and to the chapters of the Third Province not represented in this Provincial Convention.

A hearty vote of thanks was tendered Gamma Chapter for the kind and hospitable entertainment afforded the Convention, and to the ladies of Monnett Hall, for the elegant reception given the Convention Friday evening.

The Convention tendered a vote of thanks to the Faculty of Ohio Wesleyan University for the formal recognition and introduction of visiting members of the  $\Sigma X$  Fraternity. Votes of thanks were also tendered to (1) Proprietor of the Donavin Hotel, for his courtesy to the delegates ; (2) to the Sig girls for their efforts to make the Convention a success, and for their entertainment of the delegates ; (3) to the officers of the Convention for their prompt and efficient services ; and last, but not least, to A. A. Thresher, of Mu, for his untiring efforts to entertain the young ladies of Delaware.

On motion of H. S. Burrowes, the regrets of the Convention were expressed to the Southern Chapters of the Third Province, over their inability to be present at the Convention, and our hopes of seeing some of them at the next Provincial Convention of the Third Province.

On motion, all papers of a permanent character, belonging to the Convention, were to be left in the hands of the Grand Prætor.

A motion that a negative of the Convention be sent the publishers of the Catalogue, with the request that it be printed in the next Sigma Chi Catalogue, was carried.

It was moved and carried that the Report of the Committee on Arrangements, concerning place of holding next Provincial Convention, be adopted.

On motion, the Second Provincial Convention of the Third Province adjourned until April, 1890.

Signed,

HENRY C. STILWELL, *Grand Prætor.*

FRED PHELPS, *Provincial Annotator.*

## A QUANDARY.

### VILLANELLE.

Rondel or rondeau or villanelle?

Ballade, chapt-royal or triolet?

Which shall it be? I cannot tell.

In stateliness, ballade and chant so excel,

That their lovers in loyalty seem to forget

Rondel and rondeau and villanelle.

For sprightliness, triolets answer well.

But flash! and the sudden glory's set.

Which shall it be? I cannot tell.

The rondeau rings like the Muse's shell

With every passion. I'm bothered yet.

Rondel or rondeau or villanelle?

The requiem rondel's plaintive swell

Moans ever and ever of vain regret.

Which shall it be? I cannot tell.

*Adsis, O Musa*, when rhymes rebel,

And over intractable meters I sweat.

Rondel or rondeau or villanelle?

Which shall it be? I cannot tell.

Princeton, N. J.

MARION M. MILLER.

## QUALIFICATIONS DESIRABLE IN CANDIDATES FOR MEMBERSHIP.

GEORGE PECK MERRICK.

By the courtesy of the Editor, I am privileged to be the first participant in what it is hoped may be a sort of experience meeting, to which all Sigma Chis are invited. I write mainly for the purpose of eliciting ideas from active members of the fraternity on the theme of chapter upbuilding and maintenance, and in the trust that my experience may be of some benefit to the young gentlemen who have before them the care and growth of the order. An ambition to be as great numerically as your rival, is now, I think, conceded by all unwise, so far as it relates to the general fraternity. It is generally unwise for chapters to entertain a like ambition. The chapter is simply the fraternity individualized, and the old legal maxim "false in part false in all," is true when applied reversely to the fraternity and chapter. I do not purpose speaking for or against extension, but simply and only of the "daily walk and conversation" of a chapter, and to me an ideal chapter. For I am convinced, if the chapters can be made more perfect, the general collection, or the fraternity, can be left to take care of itself; on the "take care of the pennies" principle, for example. The subject of the chapter growth and maintenance, deserves careful thought and sober reflection. Chapter building, like marriage, is a thing not to be entered into unadvisedly. Like marriage, too, if it proves a failure, the chapter life—though pride will keep down the confession—is a heavy burden and a long unhappiness.

Assuming, then, at the outset, that you have entered the chapter hall and find about you a happy fellowship, congenial society, brothers in all but accident of birth, how shall the conditions be kept unchanged, how may they become easily, almost unconsciously, widely different? If it were in my power to answer, the world would not contain another mortal so wise. I can only suggest answers, making as shrewd guesses as the light of past experience admits. Constant change is the rule in chapters as elsewhere. Every Commencement you speed the parting, every Fall, welcome the coming guest. How shall the new guests be wisely chosen? First, and before all things, let there be no haste; no fear your rival will be first to call into play the service of the frisky William G.; no fear this or the other badge may adorn the greater number of "weskits." A chapter of two or three men is often better than an aggregation of freaks. A reputation for exclusiveness, if not



properly chargeable with snobbishness, is better than the possession by a chapter of a whole regiment of nondescripts. I would even rather a chapter perish utterly, going down with flying colors, than remain afloat loaded to the gunwales with nonentities. Be sure your candidates are manly youths. This is the *vis vitae* of the chapter. To go into details regarding the selection of new material, is difficult and unpleasant, possibly unnecessary, but a few words may be appropriate to this subject. A cardinal principle should be, that the young man proposed to be honored has the promise of honoring the chapter.

In the vocabulary of the shop, let every man in the chapter be an advertisement. Each man should prove "a card" with strong magnetic propensities. He should, above all things, be endowed by his Creator with a countenance that at least gives warranty of no violence to clocks. He should have the instincts of a gentleman, not necessarily a dude; but even should he take on some of the minor foibles of that species, it were better than were he a living example of "delight in disorder." He should be modest, resolute, brave, manly, good. I do not ask perfection in a callow youth, but do ask that his very face should give assurance of a budding manhood, of intelligence, honesty, integrity, good fellowship. No specific description of the proper sort of candidate is possible. Generalities must suffice. Now that you have found a man quite to your liking, find others of similar cast, and you have then entered into the outer door of fraternity life and work, and by a continued application of care the success of your chapter is assured. The care necessary in selecting new material, suggests immediately the manner in which the new men are to be gained. Regardless of its condition numerically and financially, independence should characterize the attitude of the chapter. The labor of enlisting volunteers under favorable circumstances, is never entirely pleasant, but drafting is utterly repugnant to the drafter and draftee. The designation of one man, and one only, as a recruiting officer, is the proper way, and the recruiting station should be so far removed from the house-top plane as possible. The proposition of any candidate's name should be borne by the proposing member as a personal guarantee, and he should gladly stand sponsor for the candidate. Nor should the faith of the proposing member be all the security required. He should make it his business to cultivate diplomacy in introduction, should be assured that all have abundant opportunity to know each candidate thoroughly, should be able to furnish all reference, showing his man to be all that is essential in a typical *frater*. An earnest discriminating consideration carried on in a pleasant manner, will always point out disqualifications or availability, and should be indulged in to the fullest extent. No man's voucher of another

should be approved without rigid inspection. Much of what I say of this goes without the saying, and yet often even these matters are overlooked. Decrying other fraternities is an abomination, pray you avoid it. Give the Devil his due, and render unto Cæsar all that is Cæsar's, be it ever so little, as it often is. Point with pride, as the statesmen do, to your own chapter and to each man. It does not harm to speak well of our chapter at other colleges, but it avails little. The student in Maine cares little for the chapter in Virginia. What is Hecuba to him or he to Hecuba. The local color is the thing after all. The day of making congressmen honorary members is past, and the fraternity least guilty of that sort of thing is, to my mind, the fortunate one. It should have little effect with the candidate that Senator Smith is an honorary member of Beta, or Congressman Jones of Gamma. That your own men are good in all that word implies, is the inducement, or should be, for new men to join you. No sycophants need apply, should be pasted in every hat, all and singular, and kept there.

But propagandism is not all of fraternity life. The chapter as it is should be the field. Let each man in it be true to himself and to his brother. Do not after admission expect that your college future is assured, and that the chapter is responsible for you. Be as reliant on self as if you were alone in college; achieve your own success, only expecting fraternal encouragement and approval, and seeking friendly criticism and admonition, asking only kindness and forbearance. Let there be no petty rivalry for place or favor. Read the charge and read it often. It is worthy of all acceptance. You are to be together a little while, at best a year. The senior goes, the freshmen comes. Let the year be filled with the spirit of brotherly regard, esteem, affection; so that when you go out in the world your mind has a beautiful memory ever fresh within it. Let not the senior arrogate to himself the wisdom of the chapter; for there are seniors and there are seniors. Nor should the novice attempt a revolution in the conduct of the chapter. The fire is very near the frying-pan. Take care lest you fall therein. One man is not greater than the chapter. Beware of the one-man power. In the abstract you are equals. Try to keep near the abstract. It will be found salutary. I must not preach any more. It was to be an experience meeting I remember. If I have wandered into the pulpit, it is only because my solicitude for you is greater than my sense of propriety. My hope in closing is, that what I have said may induce many others to give voice to their thoughts, so that from a wide expression may be gleaned the full truth.

## THE ALUMNUS AND THE COLLEGE GOVERNMENT.

MASON BROSS.

By the recent action of Lafayette College, in the matter of the appointment of her trustees, the status of the alumnus in the college government is brought once more to the front. For thirty years alumni influence in the college world has been steadily growing, until at the close of this last decade of the movement, it would seem almost too late to bring arguments in support of the right of the alumnus to representation in the councils of his *Alma Mater*. And yet throughout the West, where educational matters in the primary and secondary schools have come most quickly into touch with the progressive spirit of the age, and where the percentage of illiteracy is even less than in the Old Bay State herself, there is still in the practical direction of the affairs and policy of higher education, so wide a margin of "safe conservatism," that the strong, broad, helpful and healthful influence of its alumni is lost to many an otherwise prosperous institution.

A successful young teacher in a beginner's school once met President Cummings of Northwestern, with the remark, "We represent both ends of the educational problem, Doctor!" "Yes," was the frank reply, "and yours, young lady, is the nobler, and to society the more important end." It was said of Professor Babcock, of the Chicago Academy and the Massachusetts Public Schools (and there never was a more beautiful epitaph), that no boy had ever gone far wrong in life who had been for as much as four years under the influence of that strong, fine nature. The spirit of Arnold and of Rugby, which made so much for English manliness, is a common heritage through the master work of Tom Hughes. Now, it is no part of this inquiry to determine whether these great educators would stand with Mazzini and the Humanists for all possible effort in the cause of the school of the common people, as against the individualism of Carlyle, and even at the cost, if it need be, of some sacrifice in higher education. But it is very greatly in point, as well as abundantly evident, that these men who have set their mark most deeply in the history of the common school, are themselves the product of the university; that while the interests of the state are paramount, and while these interests may not be preserved without education, there can be no education without teachers—I use the word in its broad sense; and that teachers worthy of the name cannot be procured without institutions of the higher learning.

Having shown in a word the necessity for the university, even when

granting to the common school the first importance in the economy of the State, it remains to speak for a moment of the college as "a great civilizing and enlightening force," as President White calls it, before passing on to a short *résumé* of the methods adopted in several typical American colleges to give play and permanence to this high ideal by enlisting the hearty co-operation of alumni interests.

Very curious is this action and its reflex of a university influence ! The college makes for itself a place in the community about it, and the community reacts upon the college. This influence cannot be made to order, and is as much the slow growth from a congenial soil wherein is a sense of the value of culture and its political import, as it is in itself a strongly primitive force. "A university," says a recent writer in the *Nation*, "is in large part the product of the opinion and aspirations of the people who live around it, so that the Collège de France probably owes as much to Paris as Paris to the Collège de France." While United States Commissioner, the Honorable Henry Barnard, in speaking of the history of education, said, "that the national education is at once a cause and an effect of the national character." Now, who are the men in the community about the university, and in the nation at large, who make this reflex influence on the institution, and on the character of the national education ? And first, what is it, after time and effort and money and this outside reflex inheritance have all combined to build its enlightening force and influence—what is it that makes the university itself ? On alumni day, you will notice that, aside from the æsthetic feeling, and apart from the beauty and brooding quiet of the shaded campus, and the sense of learning and its rich tradition, which is a part of the atmosphere of the buildings and the place, there is only a moment's curiosity in the material condition of all this. But far different and far stronger is the feeling for the men who made it ; for the memory of the human contact with these men ; for the foibles even of some young professor ; for the white haired president, who, perhaps, for forty years has been stamping the impress of his own personality and genius on the successive children of this *Alma Mater* ; and, in a word, for the whole teaching body, because—*these are the university*.

There is fine symbolism in that oft-quoted sentence of Emerson, that "an institution is the projected shadow of one man," but inversely its truth is even more appropriate to the institution, and especially when that institution is one of the higher learning, for here the alumni are always and constantly the projected shadow of the same benign mother. They are most in her secrets. They most understand her needs and aims. In a word, they are most in touch with all spirit, and they are the men who, perhaps for generations, have formed that collective

sympathetic culture-ground and reflex inheritance of aspiration and opinion wherein she has grown into her higher place as "a great civilizing and enlightening force."

There is no wish to meddle with the policy of the professional or the technical school, or to claim for its alumni the right of representation. In so far as this argument from the university influence is concerned, these schools are a thing apart, because they do not touch that influence at all. In the diverging interests of the university, the professional school has no separate existence of this nature; no entity of its own; no tradition and no culture. It is perfect as an instrument—admirably adapted to rehabilitate the letter of the forgotten law; to supply according to given model, and from available material, the most and best of given dogma; and in these days when we might perchance escape the wooden nutmeg of our Connecticut ancestors, to grant to our pampered luxury, as was once the high outcome of a certain technical institution, a method for the scientific reduction of raw whisky to a state of premature decrepitude. There is nothing which so admirably fulfills the end of its existence as the professional and the technical school, and therefore "it truly lives," as good old Sir Thomas Brown would say, "because it makes good the faculties itself." But granting the perfection of the instrument and the necessity of the operation, it can hardly be claimed for the result, that it is a "great civilizing and enlightening force," on the same lines laid down for the university. When divorced from university control, as in the case of the Massachusetts Institute, and some of the best schools in law, medicine and theology, it often becomes even more highly functionalized as an almost perfect machine, and as such we leave it—like other machines—to the director and the stockholder. When it grows up under the banner of the university, it becomes a part of the university idea, and shares in that inheritance which we, as children of it, and of the university, claim as our title to representation in the university control—in order that that university idea, with its civilizing and enlightening force, may be kept near to the present, near to its own ideal, and near to the vital and the human.

I am indebted to Frank M. Elliot, Esq., Grand Consul of the Sigma Chi Fraternity, for much of the following information as to *ways* and *means* in alumni representation. For the rest, it is hastily gathered from the work of the committee at Lafayette College, and from the catalogues of the various institutions.

*Harvard.*—Sixteen years after the coming of the Mayflower, the Colony of Massachusetts Bay voted to give Four Hundred Pounds toward the establishment of an institution of learning; and since that time in

America, the name of Harvard has stood for the university idea. Many a time since then has she been in advance of the age at the sacrifice, if it need be, of the present influence, and many a time since then has the gradual adoption of her methods and opinion been proof of her leadership in American education. Six years afterward, in 1642, was passed "The Act Establishing the Overseers of Harvard College," and in the quaint language of the time, it begins—"Whereas, through the Good Hand of God upon us, there is a College founded at Cambridge, in the County of Middlesex, called Harvard College, for the encouragement whereof this Court has given the sum of Four Hundred Pounds, and also the revenue of the ferry betwixt Charlestown and Boston; and whereas, the well ordering and managing of the said College is of great concernment, etc., etc." The Act then goes on to enumerate the powers and method of appointment of these Overseers; and a careful reading of the document shows that, for the time, its spirit was remarkably broad and liberal. In 1650 came "The Charter of the President and Fellows of Harvard College," an act transferring to a smaller and more easily wielded body some powers in the immediate direction of the college, though it was provided that all orders and by-laws of the corporation should have the consent of the Overseers before they went into operation. After seven years the provisions of this latter clause seem to have been found something of a drag in the effective management of the corporation, and an "Appendix to the College Charter" was passed, by which the acts of the President and Fellows were declared to have immediate force and effect, and to be merely "alterable" by the Overseers, to whom the corporation was to be responsible.

Several attempts were made in the course of the next fifty years to alter the provisions of these instruments, until finally, in 1700, a bill for a new charter passed both branches of the Colonial Legislature, but failed to receive the sanction of the King or Governor, and from that time on, reaffirmed by the legislature of 1707, and by the new constitution of the new Commonwealth in 1780, the original charter with its appendix still defines the governing powers of the university. The only change has been in the method of the appointment of the Overseers, and very interesting is the progressive growth of this body from a time when it was a creature of the Colonial Legislature, through its history as a self-perpetuating board, till it finally became, in fact as in name, the guardian of the Harvard interest and the representative of the Harvard influence.

For one hundred and sixty years the Board was composed of the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Senate of Massachusetts, and the Congregational ministers of certain specified towns; but, in 1810,

the Senate, under legislative enactment, relinquished its place on the Board to fifteen ministers and fifteen laymen, who became a self-perpetuating body. In 1834 (or rather in 1843, for the Act was to be operative when accepted by both branches of the college government, and was so accepted in the latter year), the disability of clergymen, other than the Congregationalists, was removed, and that part of the Board reserved to the clergy thrown open to ministers of all denominations. Then came the final act of 1865, although introduced into the legislature as far back as 1854, which transferred all power to elect the Overseers from the Legislature to the Alumni of the College. "It was thought," says the Harvard catalogue, "that this would be better for the community and the interests of learning, as well as for the university," and in proof that there is as yet no change in this opinion, I quote entire a letter from the Secretary of Harvard University, to Mr. Frank M. Elliot, which is as follows :

HARVARD UNIVERSITY, CAMBRIDGE, May 22, 1888.

*Dear Sir :*—I take pleasure in sending you a catalogue of Harvard University, the earlier pages of which contain the laws of the Commonwealth, defining the powers and duties of the Board of Overseers, and the constituency of Alumni, which elects them. It is probable that in the near future this constituency will be increased so as to include graduates of the professional schools. When this change is made I think the feeling will be that our system is as satisfactory and effective as can be devised.

Yours very truly,

FRANK BOLLES,  
*Secretary of Harvard University.*

FRANK M. ELLIOT, Esq.

It will be noticed that in this, including the change suggested by Mr. Bolles, as likely to occur in the near future, there is a gradual and progressive growth. Aside from the interest in this growth, as an instance of historical development, I have given the most space to an outline sketch of the Harvard government, because Harvard seems to have been the most identified with this movement, and most liberal in its interpretation.

Practically, the provisions of the Act of 1865, and the methods of carrying them into effect, are as follows :

Those who have received from Harvard the degree of A.M., or any honorary degree, may vote on commencement day for overseers of the college ; also those who have held A.B. for five years. The board consists of thirty-three members—three *ex-officio*, and six classes of five each, holding office for six years. No member of the corporation, or

officer of the college, is eligible to the office ; nor may he vote for overseers.

An official of the university explains further. "The Alumni Association has a standing committee, which each year sends out to every alumnus a marking list for candidates for overseers. When a fairly clear idea is obtained of the preferences of the alumni on that point, the favored candidates are formally nominated ; and the alumni who are in Cambridge on commencement day elect five of those nominated, to serve as overseers for six years.

It often happens that some one person—not on the committee list—is taken up as a candidate, and placed at the head of the poll at the last moment. The Board of Overseers consists of thirty members, elected for six years each, five retiring each year ; besides these the president, secretary and treasurer of the university, are *ex-officiis* members of the board.

*Yale.*—Often has the crimson been hard pushed by the splendid rivalry of the blue ribbon of the men of Yale. It lies back of the ball-field and New London. To it Yale owes much of that wonderful *esprit de corps* which makes a Yale man always a Yale man, whether it be in Kamtschatka or on the Bois de Boulogne, and has made of his *Alma Mater* the most cosmopolitan of American colleges. In common with the institutions chartered in Colonial days, the college name is linked with the legislative history of Colony and State ; and, as in the case of Harvard, and following her with something of hesitancy, and with something of a bashful step, the State and College have been, by the Act of 1871, in part divorced. By the provisions of that Act six members of the Board are representatives of the Alumni, as follows : The corporation of Yale consists of nineteen members ; three of them holding their offices *ex-officiis*, viz. : The president, and the governor and lieutenant-governor of Connecticut. Six, denominated as *Fellows*, are elected by the alumni, one each year, to hold office for six years ; and such are eligible for re-election.

All graduates of the first degree, of five or more years standing in any of the departments of Yale College, and all persons who have been admitted to any degree higher than the first in Yale, whether honorary or in course, may, upon the day preceding commencement day, elect by a plurality of votes a person to hold the office of fellow for six years.

In March an invitation is sent out asking for nominations. The names of all who are nominated, by as many as twenty-five electors, are announced in May on a form sent out to the electors, whose vote may be sent by mail, or deposited in person.

*Princeton.*—Just one hundred years after Harvard, came the College



of New Jersey, but she had grown into a great pre-revolutionary educational influence before her charter was confirmed and renewed by the Legislature of the new Commonwealth. Princeton is almost a synonym for the antithesis of change. No influence has been greater along certain lines, and in certain States of the South the higher education owes its first impulse to the Presbyterian Church and the College of New Jersey. For fifty years, in the last half of the eighteenth century, the Princeton influence was predominant in the Carolinas, and wherever it touched there was the same incisive vigor drawn from its Calvinistic inheritance; but it was, and is, an influence with limitations; strong but narrow, and perhaps because of its narrowness, the deeper and the stronger. Its government is by a self-perpetuating Board, which is accountable only to the Princeton tradition and the Presbyterian Church.

*Cornell.*—The most modern of the larger institutions of learning is Cornell University; for the enormous gift of Mr. Stanford is yet too young and inchoate to have built anything of the University influence. By a very curious provision of the Charter of the University, passed by the Legislature of New York, in April, 1865, the eldest male lineal descendant of the founder, Mr. Ezra Cornell is made (I am almost tempted to say *ex-officio*) a Trustee. This provision is interesting because it is one of the very few instances of primogenitive, vested inheritance, which have crept into the law of the land. And that it should occur so late as 1865, shows that our "fierce democracy," at least in that year of our Lord, was not dangerously radical. Six officers of the State of New York, and the Librarian of Cornell, are *ex-officio* members of the Board, while the remaining fifteen, making twenty-three in all, are chosen, as President Adams writes to Mr. Elliot—"One elected by the Alumni of the University of the three Trustees annually chosen."

*Williams.*—If there were space, I should like to speak somewhat at length of the little college far back in the Massachusetts hills, which has been so truly "a civilizing and enlightening force," because there must be something of special import in the character and history of an institution which so pre-eminently links its memory with the affectionate regard of its Alumni. It is this quality of love for the *Alma Mater* which is most noticeable in the Williams' influence; not pride in her history or her achievement, not boastfulness of her great men, but something finer and deeper—a simple reverence for Williams' name. And Williams does not forget or fear her children. She has five Alumni trustees; one retiring each year. At alumni meeting, Tuesday forenoon, a nominating committee, three to five, is appointed by the president of the alumni, to report the next day at commencement dinner the names of five alumni, with their class, residence and occupation. These

are sent by mail two months before next commencement, and four stricken off, unless there are other vacancies in the five. Polls close at noonday before commencement. The secretary must not reveal the state of the vote until commencement dinner. A plurality of votes shall elect.

*Hanover.*—After “Old Miami” there was no greater influence in the New West than Hanover, and in this Hanover has been peculiar, that while built very much on the Princeton lines, she has been more courageous than her parent in facing the problems of the collective idea. Of her three annually elected trustees, one is always the choice of her alumni.

*Northwestern.*—Northwestern is still a little fearful of her children—to some extent distrustful of her own handiwork. Her alumni may nominate one trustee, and, as some times happens, their choice is ratified by the board.

*Pennsylvania College.*—Since 1886, as vacancies occur in the board, some are filled from the alumni. The alumni nominate three, of whom the board select one. The University of Pennsylvania has a similar system.

*Union College.*—Since June 2, 1871, the alumni elect one trustee annually, in the chapel the day prior to commencement, to hold office four years. Candidates must be alumni of ten years' standing. Voting must be by ballot. The voter must have received, or be entitled to receive, his master's degree.

Of the University of Virginia, and its peculiar and powerful influence upon Virginia and the South (in one sense the most purely a university influence yet known in America), I shall not speak. Of this and the great State Institutions, as we know them in this day, like those of Michigan, Wisconsin and California, there may be space in a later article.

## The Greek Press.

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He is the critic who is first to mark  
 The star of genius when its glimmering spark  
 First pricks the sky, not waiting to proclaim  
 Its coming glory till it bursts in flame.  
 He is the critic whose divining rod  
 Tells where the waters hide beneath the sod ;  
 Whom studious search through varied lore has taught  
 The streams, the rills, the fountain heads of thought,  
 Who if some careless phrase, some slipshod clause,  
 Crack Priscian's skull or break Quintilian's laws,  
 Points out the blunder in a kindly way  
 Nor tries his larger wisdom to display.

OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES.

The *Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly* appeared in March, after an absence of eight months. Though the journal has suffered many vicissitudes in the past, it seems now to be in reliable hands. The Pi Chapter, located at Allegheny College, Meadville, Pa., has seven of its members engaged in the editorship. The *Quarterly* was formerly edited by alumni in New York City. The change was made, presumably, at the twenty-fourth general convention of the fraternity, held at Columbus, Ohio, last September. The *Quarterly* gives a full account of the convention, followed by a reproduction of one of the toasts at the convention banquet,—“Our Alumni and Alumni Chapters” The respondent exclaims, “It is true, gentlemen, I have not traveled much, but I have never laid eyes on a live, illustrious Phi Gamm.” This is a frank confession, which is fully justified by the rest of the toast.

We are obliged for this tribute to THE SIGMA CHI QUARTERLY for last November :

We are this much in favor of Pan-Hellenism, that we exceedingly regret the action of the last convention of Beta Theta Pi which withdraws their *Quarterly* from our table. The high opinion which it gained from us, by reason of its dignity and solidity, we feel inclined to pass over to the *Sigma Chi*, the November issue of which lies before us.

There is very little to censure in the magazine ; almost the entire contents can be enjoyed by any Greek. The use of a strictly private monthly, *The Bulletin*, gives more room in the QUARTERLY for matters of general fraternity interest. Had we space, we would clip, with a liberal hand, much that would form the most charming reading.

The chapter letter from Denison says that "The Sigma Chis are a strong chapter, especially in the class room." Among the last things in the number is an extended notice of Phi Gamma Delta's most distinguished alumnus,—Gen. Lew Wallace. We quote a part of it :

A lawyer, a soldier, a politician, a diplomat and—*an author* ! Successful in his varied achievements, it is in the department of literature that he has earned lasting fame. The actor gives way to the thinker. Greater than the military hero, greater than the political king, is the literary sovereign ! The "Fair God," published in 1874, settled Lew Wallace's claims to genius. Popularly supposed to be somewhat heavy, the story of the conquest of Mexico is a most attractive creation of the imagination. Nevertheless, the fame which would have attended the "Fair God" has been overshadowed and eclipsed by the greater light of "Ben Hur." A review of this book is unnecessary. Who is unacquainted with the weird delineations, the presentation of the perfect man—the Christ, the beautiful story of Iras, the picture of the galley fight, and the matchless description of the chariot race ? Creations put into words and retained in burning language, until living scenes are kindled and pass before our very eyes !

The March issue of the *Kappa Alpha Journal* is clearly under the influence of that season of the year when the Kappa Alpha's heart "lightly turns to thoughts of love." Three indifferent poems come under the category of the sentimental, but the editor frankly confesses that he "generally leans to the side of mercy" in the acceptance of poetry. The subscription of the *Journal* last year was "considerably less than 100," notwithstanding the sending of sample copies and circulars. We do not wonder that the editor is *disappointed* and advises the fraternity to place the *Journal* in the hands of some strong chapter. Good sketches of Wofford College and Vanderbilt University occupy seven pages of the *Journal*. Concerning the latter, we learn that it was originally chartered in January, 1873, as the "Central University of the Methodist Episcopal Church South"; that no endowment had been raised till the 27th of March, 1873, when Cornelius Vanderbilt made a donation of \$500,000. The gift was made, without solicitation, through Bishop H. N. McTyeire, a relative by marriage, who was visiting Mr. Vanderbilt at this time. Commodore Vanderbilt increased his donation to \$1,000,000 before his death. The Vanderbilts have since given as donation and endowment, \$485,000.

The valuable news purveyor of the Greek world, the *Delta Upsilon Quarterly*, came to us in February with a very good editorial on "Loyalty," from which we clip this :

\* \* \* Of course one's primary object in entering college is to obtain a good education ; but it is an open question whether the broadest and best education is to be secured by exclusive attention to curriculum studies. The fraternity system, based on the soundest principles, seeks for social and moral, as well as mental, development, and a loyalty that aids in the attainment of such ends cannot but strengthen and improve the individual mind and character. It is selfishness, and cannot therefore be loyalty, to devote one's energies so completely to the mastery of the usual languages and sciences as to neglect other equally important duties of the college life. This type of student may, to be sure, dutifully attend all the meetings of his chapter, and perfunctorily perform such tasks as may be assigned to him ; but there is painfully lacking any deep sympathy with the work of the fraternity, any interest in the advancement of its standard.

On the other hand, it is selfishness, and not loyalty, to devote one's college years solely to the pursuit of athletic honors, disregarding and lowering the fraternity's standard of scholarship. Honors, whether scholastic or athletic, lend glory to our chapter's name ; but the fraternity seeks general development and broadening of the mind, while such self devotion to a single phase of the college life narrows the intellect and the sympathies. Again, it is selfishness, and not loyalty, neglecting the higher aims, the more wholesome ambitions, to live wholly in a social atmosphere, where the intellect shallows and the affections grow cold, and selfishness, lightly assumed, becomes a robe of Nessus that cannot be torn off, and slowly instills its poison of the soul. We must not be one-sided men, however strongly a single phase may appeal to our sympathies and desires.

Thirteen pages of the *Quarterly* are filled with Greek-letter gossip ; and Delta U., like other gossips, will get things wrong. We read first that—

Sigma Chi's latest is a chapter at the University of Minnesota, established December 7.

And, a few lines further, that—

It is reported that Sigma Chi and Kappa Alpha Theta are about to grant charters to chapters in the University of Minnesota.

But we don't believe the following was reported at all, for Sigma Chi has been in the University of Michigan over eleven years. A third item about our entrance into the University of Minnesota was intended :

It is reported that a member of Sigma Chi from Beloit College, Wis., has entered the University of Michigan and organized there a society of twelve men, to which has been given a charter of Sigma Chi.

Sigma Chi learns for the first time from the pages of the *Quarterly*, that our Zeta Psi Chapter was named for the fraternity bearing that

name. Verily imagination "bodies forth the forms of things unknown."

The use of this quotation from the editorial department of the *Quarterly* will compensate us for the injury done by these inaccuracies :

The recent re-establishment of Alpha Delta Phi and Phi Gamma Delta and the foundation of Sigma Nu, as four-year societies in the academical department of Yale College, is an important movement in the fraternity world. It fulfills the prediction which we made in our July issue, that the time was ripe for a change in the character of the Yale academical societies, and that the four-year fraternities were bound to take there the honorable position which they hold in the great body of American colleges. The causes which have led to this condition of affairs are not of sudden growth, but have been gradually developing during the past few years. While Yale is pre-eminently a conservative institution and precedent holds great sway over the students, factors have been at work which even this fetich could not keep down. The change of administration and the advent of larger classes have brought about a new atmosphere and created new demands. The student's alumni and faculty have been by no means silent in expressing their dissatisfaction and disapproval of the old societies. In response to this, the delegations of the Junior societies have cut down to nearly one-third of their former numbers, a new Senior society formed, two chapters of fraternities re-established and several new ones founded. We believe the other fraternities can now safely enter the college, and we hope to see many chapters established there in the near future.

The *Rainbow*, of Delta Tau Delta, makes its second exit from that city of Pan-Hellenism, Chattanooga, Tenn., in a very creditable manner. The editor was a member of the Rainbow or W. W. W. Society, before its consolidation with Delta Tau Delta in 1884, and seems to be endeavoring to enlist the interest of the Rainbow alumni in the new organization. The opening article is therefore a sketch of the history of "the Rainbow or W. W. W. Society." The order was founded at the University of Mississippi in 1848 by seven students. We are told that "it is not known whether or not any of the founders still live"—a sad commentary on the success of the efforts to ascertain the history of the founders, *if* such efforts have ever been made. The total ignorance of their founders does not speak well for the interest taken by Rainbows in the history of their general fraternity. The original plan was on a very "exclusive" basis,—to have only seven chapters of seven members each,—each chapter to be represented by one of the elementary colors of the rainbow. Fourteen active and two alumni chapters were established during the history of the order, but at the time of the consolidation with Delta Tau Delta, only seven active chapters were in existence; and to-day, but two of Delta Tau Delta's undergraduate chapters (those

at Vanderbilt University and at the University of Mississippi) represent the old Rainbow fraternity. The restriction of the number of chapters (living simultaneously) to seven; the opposition to fraternities in the South in the early days; and the disruptions caused by the civil war, are said to account for the disproportionate number of dead chapters. Four chapters were claimed to have been lost by the premature announcement of the consolidation, in the *Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta. The government of Rainbow in its latter days was in the hands of the chapter at Vanderbilt University, which was especially strong on account of the large number of alumni residing in Nashville. The proposition of consolidation is said to have been received from Alpha Delta Phi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and Kappa Sigma before Delta Tau Delta was accepted. Though several of the Rainbow chapters were in inferior institutions, and the catholicity of the order was weak, it was in its day a powerful factor in the life of several of our most prominent Southern colleges.

In the *Symposium*, on the subject "Reformation in University Training," the first writer makes a rather general and indefinite suggestion—that for more enthusiastic teachers. The second writer sees three tendencies in modern university training. The tendency to limit the subjects of study to two, or at most three; to substitute the lecture for the class-room recitation; and to raise the standard and make the university more of a supplement to the college and academy. The third writer says:

It is safe to say the large majority of men who go to college for work have chosen their professions by the end of their freshman year. Thereafter they will naturally desire to confine their powers and concentrate their attention to mastering those subjects only which have a direct and decisive bearing on their own peculiar labors in the coming years. To meet this demand, the college and university must be many sided, and each side must furnish its corps of instructors to efficiently drill its future crop of lawyers, doctors, preachers, philologists, engineers, historians, scientists, journalists, architects, etc. Johns Hopkins, Cornell, Michigan, Vanderbilt, Harvard have led the way in this new field and with them it would seem not so much a question of reformation, as one of development. They with other colleges that wisely conform their methods to modern ideas and demands will unquestionably be the universities of the future.

The fourth writer advocates more of the religious element; the fifth thinks that Greek ought to be commenced in the Freshman year, or else introduced in the high school, so that the knowledge of Greek which is obtained in a year of preparatory study would not have to be acquired before entering college, or else could be acquired in the high school. The editor closes with the idea that too much *teaching* is the

curse of the age, and urges that the university's sphere is to enable a student to penetrate the deepest knowledge of any particular branch and to encourage original investigation.

A "Chapter Chat" contains this good bit of dialogue :

ARTHUR. Exactly. The intellectual, the moral, and the social elements should be so blended and intermingled that they may develop a rounded character. It does not so much matter that we take in "all round" men if we turn out "all round" men. We rub and grind together in our little quarrels and spats in the chapter and elsewhere, and even in our discussions, until we rub off the sharp corners and jutting angles of our individuality. And so, while we have plenty of room to play in, plenty of liberty, we exert a good influence on each other ; but when we are kept in one narrow groove, our characters are also narrowed and we become bigoted and illiberal.

From an editorial we learn that to the old colors, purple and gold, has been added white, and that the conventions of Delta Tau Delta will now be held biennially, instead of annually.

The *Chi Phi Quarterly* for January last contains an account of the sixty-fourth convention of the fraternity, held at Richmond, Va., last November. A detailed description of the new house of Omicron Chapter (located at Yale University) is given. The house was completed for the chapter last July, and was entered in September.

The chapter located at the University of Virginia is contemplating the attempt to build a chapter-house, as is Delta Kappa Epsilon's Chapter at that institution.

The *Scroll*, of Phi Delta Theta, assumed the defensive in its March issue, in reply to "sundry insinuations and innuendos" as to the number and character of the institutions into which the fraternity has entered. In the account of the fraternity's recent entrance into Brown University, the fact is incidentally mentioned that Delta Upsilon accepted petitioners from Tufts whom Phi Delta Theta had rejected.

The *Scroll* feels justly indignant over the attempt of the Alabama contingency to publish a local organ of Phi Delta Theta :

An *Index* in Alabama may be all right ; but suppose there is a *Comet* in Mississippi, an *Asteroid* in Georgia, a *Star* in Tennessee, a *Dial* in South Carolina, with the other states all provided for on the same plan. Or suppose we have only one to each province. There are *seven* parasites sucking the life blood of the central organ. On the whole we cannot approve the plan of local fraternity journalism. The *Scroll* is too poor and needs too much assistance both literary and financial.

The April number contains a chapter letter from Miami University containing an account of a lively incident :



A dastardly attempt was made by the Betas to prevent us from initiating Mr. Stevenson. About an hour before the time for the initiation, one of their number decoyed him to a secluded place near the O. F. College, where two masked men seized him. After walking with them a short distance he resisted, at the same time calling for help. At the approach of some parties, the masked men, who had increased their number to five or six, ran off, but not before they were recognized. They proved to be Betas. When we were apprised of the affair, we at once started to the rescue. Brothers Bonnen and Chidlaw chased and caught two Betas, one of whom confessed that they intended to chloroform Mr. Stevenson and take him away in a carriage. The initiation went on all the same, and Bro. Stevenson was soon wearing the sword and shield. We suppose that the Betas were trying to court the good will of the intended Alpha Delta Phis by revenging our having captured two of the men who had been expected to go in with the Alphas. We do not desire to say anything wrong about our rivals, the Betas, but when they attempt anything like the above on Ohio Alpha of Phi Delta Theta, they must expect to hear from us. This was our first experience of the kind, and as we have hitherto been friendly to the Betas, it was a surprise to us. The trouble has blown over, and we have the laugh on them.

Upon which the editor very properly comments :

Our letter from Ohio Alpha, this month, contains some startling charges against the Beta Theta Pi Chapter at Miami. We believe the general fraternity would not endorse any such villainous action. Things of this kind are what cause the general prejudice against college fraternities which has been hardest for them to overcome. They have struggled against many adverse conditions but have shown their worth, and are rapidly being recognized as an element for good in student life. But when such "low-down," dastardly tricks are perpetrated, they do more harm to the cause of fraternity weal than a hundred Pan-Hellenic dinners can counteract.

We respectfully present the matter to the attention of the authorities of Beta Theta Pi.

Among the editorials which greet our eye on the first page of *Delta Gamma Anchora*, we find a lofty one against fraternity cliques, which, though it may be considered Utopian by some undergraduates, will be endorsed by many an alumnus :

The moment the fraternity enters the political arena, it has forfeited its right to the name of fraternity. When we hear of the disgraceful scheming and wire-pulling of college elections, and see to what small means reputable Greeks will stoop to obtain their ends, we cannot but feel that the element opposed to fraternities in our colleges has good ground for its opposition. It is manifest that to reach the ideal we must keep our fraternity and college interests separate ; just as long as these two conflict there is something

wrong which ought to be remedied. Our fraternity life is not the sum total of our existence as students. Our college has the first claim upon us, and its claims ought not to be disregarded. The fraternity has for its members a congenial set of young men or women, who, finding that they have a community of interest, have joined themselves together—not to see how strong a power they may become in the politics of their college, nor how many members they may snatch from the eager grasp of other similar organizations—but to build up good fellowship, sympathy and interest among their own members, and to help one another along somewhat toward a beautiful manhood or womanhood.

This is followed by a strong appeal for more charity to the members of other fraternities, and is a good arraignment of clannishness. "Are Women of Genius Companionable?" is summed up in this sentence, after being well elaborated :

Not only are women of genius more likely to be companionable than the ordinary women of the day, but they seem in a certain sense to be fore-runners of the woman of the future, who, if not a genius, will still be a creature of as high a rank, bearing her learning modestly, possessing charm of manner, unselfish interest in others, nobility of character, and who, if not beautiful in the strictest sense, has the power of making herself thought so.

One writer tells of the "Resources and Forces of California" in a style which, but for the absence of quotation marks, we would judge had been taken from the geographies.

The *Arrow*, of Pi Beta Phi, seems to be engaged in the manufacture of fraternity songs, to be sung by standard tunes,—one on such an inelegant subject as "Grub." The sentiment of several chapters seems to be in favor of "Inter-Fraternity Agreements against Premature Rushing." We notice that thirty-two badges of the new design have been ordered, averaging something over \$10 per badge. Pi Beta Phi doesn't care what she tells.

The April number of the *Shield*, of Phi Kappa Psi, is full of the reports of her four District Councils, recently held in Syracuse, N. Y., Alexandria, Va., Greencastle, Ind., and Chicago, Ill. From the minutes of the Second District Council we quote the recommendations concerning the *Shield* :

1. That each month a lengthy discussion of some topic of general fraternity interest be published.
2. That a department pertaining to the doings of  $\Phi K \Psi$  in active college life be introduced.
3. That the frequency of publication be amended so as to make *The Shield* bi-monthly or quarterly, if by so doing the journal could be improved.

The question with us is how did this bit of initiation discussion escape the editorial pencil :

Opinions were exchanged on what should constitute an initiatory service, and while many favored a preliminary "histing and horsing around," it was universally agreed that the ceremony proper should be conducted with the utmost degree of decorum and solemnity.

*Histing and horsing around* is a good plain expression.

The *Delta* of Sigma Nu for February compares the University of Yale to the University of Virginia, claiming the following advantages for the former : A definite time of study is required for a degree at Yale, while passing of very rigid examinations is the sole criterion at the University of Virginia, irrespective either of the length of time spent in preparation for them or of entrance qualifications ; the Yale system requires more time, and hence gives more opportunity for general reading and original investigation, the work being less under "high pressure" than at the University of Virginia. The writer claims that the University of Virginia is where it was fifty years ago, and that its control by the State retards the adoption of advanced ideas, whereas the government of Yale is in the hands of alumni, who are more competent managers. There are two sides to this question, no doubt, and the University of Virginia should be heard.

An article on "Shall We Enter Yale?" is an intelligent statement of the facts in favor of the affirmative, and is definitely answered by an editorial announcing that Sigma Nu *has* already entered Yale. The chapter will initiate students from all departments, as Phi Gamma Delta does at Yale. As is generally known, Psi Upsilon and Delta Kappa Epsilon exist only as "Junior Societies," Alpha Delta Phi being the only fraternity in the collegiate department which initiates men from all classes. There are five fraternities in the Sheffield Scientific School, all of which follow Alpha Delta Phi's policy as pursued in the collegiate department. In large universities, the chapter composed of men from *all* departments has proved nearly always weaker than one whose members are all from one department. Sigma Nu, on general principles, would do much better to follow Alpha Delta Phi's than Phi Gamma Delta's example in this respect.

In the April number of the *Delta* a sketch of the Sigma Nu fraternity is given. The order originated at Virginia Military Institute in January, 1869, as an opposition movement to a chapter of Alpha Tau Omega founded in 1865. The latter carried things with a high hand till the western boys in the Institute revolted at the domineering conduct of the Alpha Tau Omegas, and founded their first rival — Sigma Nu.

That some of the "fathers" had peculiar ideas as to the extension of the fraternity is clearly evidenced by this :

Chapter No. IV was organized by W. W. Dancy at Tarboro, North Carolina and was composed of young business men of the place but it was soon found that the order did not thrive outside of the college, and this chapter was soon abandoned.

The March *Key* of Kappa Kappa Gamma contains a very feminine article in advocacy of a general fund for the benefit of the fraternity. As an example of the "sanguine" in fraternity finances, it is unrivalled. The writer beleives her fraternity a veritable Cinderella :

Think of a fund that would enable us to build chapter-houses ! We certainly have more than fifteen hundred members. If each one gave but one dollar, this year alone would net us over a thousand dollars. Interest the various chapters in the scheme and let each chapter obtain subscriptions from alumnae. As an incentive to work, promise the chapter sending in the largest subscription the first help towards a chapter-house. I suggest that a certain portion of this fund be set aside for the support of *The Key* and the current expenses of the fraternity, and that the balance be loaned out to chapters in large or small amounts for building purposes, a mere nominal sum of interest being charged thereon ; or arrangements can be made whereby the principal and interest can be paid back on the installment plan practiced by building and loan associations. By chapter-houses I mean homes for students who are members of our order, and not the chapels devoted exclusively to chapter ceremonies.

These are only a few of the benefits that Kappas might realize from such a fund. Might it not be possible in the not-too-distant future to have a portion of it set aside for worthy members among us, who having entered college are, for lack of funds, not permitted to continue their college course ?

The *Key* is full of good thoughts on "Archives" and "Chapter Libraries ;" but we must close with a quotation from an article on "Masonry and Fraternity :"

\* \* \* Symbolism is bound to last, but to become more and more the property of the members alone, and perhaps then to be further spiritualized. Secrecy is bound to rely more and more upon the natural honor and integrity of the individual than on oath or penalty. In fine, the life of these orders is founded not on the artificial restraints of command or external strength of any kind but is rather centered in a true Americanism. The basis of a fraternity is a loyalty that shall not stop with its own order, but shall extend its enthusiasm to the "universal brotherhood"—a particular affinity for the few, only that *all* may reap the benefit of this close companionship.

The *Palm* (Alpha Tau Omega) for April, 1889, contains the oration and three of the toasts given at the Convention of the fraternity held at Columbus, O., last December. The respondent to "Our Badge" makes a rather sweeping assertion, from which expelled members at least should have been excepted :

Now we must find out some way to dispose of the *jewels* of that pin. What do the jewels represent, brethren ! *We are the jewels* of that pin. [Great applause]. Every man that has joined the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity is a jewel.

The new Editor-in-Chief is as great an extensionist as his predecessor, and says that "great care is and has been taken in establishing new chapters, notwithstanding Delta Upsilon's suggestion to the contrary. Since December, 1885, six Northern and five Southern charters have been granted or renewed." Isn't it rather early to be saying of a chapter established last year, "We have some anxiety about the Atlanta Chapter, and have asked Bro. W. A. Haygood to lend it his firm and steadying hand."

The *Palm* is now edited and published in New York City, and is materially improved in matter and typography.

A SKETCH OF THE OLD ALPHA CHAPTER,  
WITH AN ACCOUNT OF THE FOUNDING OF THE FRATERNITY.

(Taken from the New Catalogue.)

DURING the decade immediately following 1850, Miami University was in her prime. Two hundred students annually answered to her rolls and filled her halls with busy college life. Enjoying the prestige of educational leadership in the State, and with a fame that spread throughout the west, Miami was attracting to herself a brilliant company of youth, whose names have since made hers illustrious. As elsewhere, the Greek-letter fraternities naturally formed the centres of her undergraduate life, and among these student groups the chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon was especially remarkable. Four fraternities had been established in the institution. Alpha Delta Phi had planted there her second chapter in 1835. Beta Theta Pi had been born there in 1839. In 1848, the leading non-fraternity students of the institution seem to have been impressed with the desirability of organization, and Phi Delta Theta was established as a sort of secret literary society, with more or less indefinite fraternal aims. So broad appears to have been its conception of brotherhood, that the local chapter became so large in 1857 that it was divided into two sections, which met separately upon different nights. In such a large and heterogeneous organization the ties of friendship were necessarily slight, and the mutual obligations which the chapter sought to enforce were artificial and irksome to a number of bright, active fellows among its members. The conflict between organization and individuality soon precipitated a crisis, and in this same year, 1852, a portion of its members founded the Kappa Chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon. It was a peculiar organization which they established, and which, in the fall of 1854, numbered twelve of the most brilliant and aggressive students in the University. One of its distinguished members has recently said, that "in every college there is an indefinable *something*, which attracts young men together in the ties of brotherhood; in Kappa Chapter it was the spirit of individuality." In this statement is inadvertently contained the real secret of the origin of Sigma Chi; for it is certainly true that the spirit which led to the founding of *Δ K E* at Miami, was more that of revolt against the attempt of the Phi Delta Theta organization to coerce its individual members, than that of personal friendship between these same rebellious members. It took but two years to prove that "the spirit of individuality" alone can not long hold young men together in the ties of *brotherhood*. Certainly, in 1854, the Delta Kappa Epsilon chapter contained an abundance both of talent and of individuality; but it contained also a radical divergence of opinion as to the ideal and objects of a college fraternity. The controlling spirit of

the chapter was aptly represented in the person of its presiding officer, Whitelaw Reid, now editor of the New York *Tribune*. Brilliant and aggressive, with the same talent for organization and leadership, the student possessed the political tastes and aptitudes that have since distinguished our Minister to France. With these tastes those of the older members were in entire accord. They were able, aggressive and ambitious. It is claimed that Delta Kappa Epsilon received more honors from the literary societies, the coveted prizes of the institution, than all the other secret organizations in the University combined. They elected all the presidents, secretaries, orators, poets and janitors; and, flushed with the success of their infant organization, then but two years old, the older members asked for it but little else. There had been initiated into the chapter, however, a number of younger members, equally able and independent, whose character and tastes were somewhat different, who had no traditions of a membership in Phi Delta Theta and who asked of their fraternity more of friendship and less of politics. They despised not honors but demanded also a more genuine and personal good-fellowship.

All was not harmonious when the Erodolphian Literary Society was approaching the election of orators and poets for the Christmas celebration of 1854. What followed in the chapter is best described in the language of General Runkle: "Well, we held a caucus and all went well and smoothly as far as the election of an orator. Indeed, it could not be otherwise, for had we not the silver-tongued Whitelaw Reid, inexhaustible as to his words and eloquent as to his ideas? But when it came to imposing a poet on a long-suffering University the rebellion broke out, and not without cause, for the chief qualification our candidate for society poet could boast, was his utter inability to write anything that resembled poetry in the least degree whatever. And the rebellion waxed fierce and hot. Six of us entered the University Hall and voted against the caucus candidate. This was the unpardonable sin; but as there were just six loyal subjects of King Caucus and six rebels, they could not expel us, and so they did the next best thing, ran away with the charter, records and seals, and the rebels started the Sigma Chi." The disruption, however, did not immediately result. To the Sigma Chi six nothing of tremendous import seemed to have occurred. With frank independence, having candidly announced in the caucus their disbelief in the fitness of their aspirant for poetic honors, they had simply followed their convictions by opposing his election. With the other faction, however, it was far different, and a plan of retaliation was soon attempted. It was a regular meeting night, and the fraternity assembled over a restaurant where the six, who afterwards founded Sigma Chi, had provided a bountiful supper. The "loyal six," as they afterwards called themselves, came late, and when they did appear were headed by Minor Milliken, an alumnus, who had been a very prominent member of *Δ K E*. They refused to join in the supper; but, nothing daunted, the Sigma Chi

fathers did it full justice, until called to order by Reid, "Pater Primus," who without more ado introduced Mr. Milliken to the chapter. Minor Milliken was a rare character, intense, impatient and dramatic. About his name there still clings a halo of romance. His scholarly accomplishments and intensity of feeling endeared him to his friends, whose affectionate remembrances have not been lessened by his heroic death at the head of his regiment at the battle of Stone River. He had heard one version of the chapter's troubles, and with characteristic impetuosity he had come to use heroic measures. The opening words of his speech are still remembered: "My name is Minor Milliken. I come from Hamilton. I am a man of few words." And from this he went on in language more marked for force than either tact or elegance, to denounce the short-comings of the offending members. The plan that had been outlined was to regain political control of the chapter by expelling one or two of the obnoxious party; but they had not counted on the recalcitrant members standing solidly together as they did. When Milliken finished there were angry and excited replies. Forgetting their own revolt from Phi Delta Theta and that "spirit of individuality," which is still the chapter's pride, the leaders saw only that they had suffered political defeat, because they could not coerce the votes of all their members. Reid was now a hot champion of compact organization, and declaimed that "in *any* contest with the enemy, the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity, like Nelson at Trafalgar, had a right to expect that every man would do his duty"—assuming, of course, that "the loyal *six*" were the Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity. Charges and counter charges were made and resented. Every advantage was taken of Milliken's support and influence, and it was even attempted to vote him as a member of the chapter. The dramatic crisis came when Runkle took off his badge, threw it on the table, saying, "I didn't join this society to be anybody's tool; there's my answer," and stalked out of the hall, followed by the other five.

After this there was one more stormy meeting in the room of Reid, in the "Old South East" building. No business was transacted. Reid moved that the rebellious members be expelled; and the vote stood six to six. The meeting broke up in disorder; but the Reid party, having secured the archives, charter, constitution and seals, had the advantage, and stubbornly held the fort. An appeal to the fraternity authorities followed, and some sort of a Bull of Excommunication was fulminated by the parent chapter at Yale, under Milliken's powerful influence. The unconquerable six, Jordan, Runkle, Bell, Cooper, Caldwell and Scobey, then proceeded to organize a new fraternity, naming it the Sigma Phi. They drew up a constitution, which was, to all intents and purposes, a copy of that of  $\Delta KE$ , and adopted a grand seal. Before doing this they had made their number seven, by the addition of Will L. Lockwood, whose unflagging energy, poetic enthusiasm, and almost chivalric devotion to the fraternity, exerted a most marked influence over its subsequent affairs, and form one of the most interesting pages



in its early history. Lockwood and Runkle drew the design for the badge, and the first ones were made by a jeweler by the name of Bradley, at Cincinnati, Ohio.

Now, these seven striplings, who founded the Sigma Chi, while they were enthusiastic, were no dreaming enthusiasts, but live, practical boys, who loved life for what they found fair and pleasant in life, and the world for the world's own sake. It was such men and as Isaac M. Jordan, the distinguished jurist and Congressman; Ben. P. Runkle, the lawyer, preacher, journalist and soldier, a graduate of '57, who come out of the war a major general; James P. Caldwell, who graduated at sixteen among the leading scholars of his class; Frank H. Scobey, warm-hearted, generous and gifted, and Rev. Daniel W. Cooper, who even in his college days was "Old Dan," noble, true-hearted and manly; it was these men, who, on the 20th of June, 1855, flung out to the gaze of the old established Greek-Letter Societies the banner of the White Cross, with a confidence that bordered on a belief in Destiny. They were whole-souled, generous, brave fellows. Five of them went to the front at the first roll of the drums,—four in the Union and one in the Confederate army. They had an ideal of fraternity, which was different from that which their observation and experience taught them prevailed in the organizations by which they were surrounded. They believed in that personal intimacy that could exist only among a comparatively small number, and repudiated the early Phi Delta Theta idea of a fraternal organization. They believed in individuality and manly independence; but they required first, as the only natural basis of organization, congenial tastes, good-fellowship and genuine personal friendship. They believed in a proper mutual support in the contests for college honors, but they believed also that fraternal helpfulness could manifest itself in a thousand quieter forms of greater value. They honored self-esteem, but disliked arrogance and conceit. They stood above all for sincerity and against artificiality and hypocrisy.

In 1858 Will Lockwood wrote to A. D. Lemon, of the Lambda: "Of the purity and uprightness of our motives, I leave you to judge. In our meetings, for the past three years, I have spent some of my happiest moments—so happy, so pleasant, that the remembrance of them will always be vivid. When you recruit your ranks, be certain to choose congenial, high-minded, talented fellows." In 1878 General Runkle said: "Four-and-twenty years have passed since seven enthusiastic striplings raised aloft the Sigma standard, emblazoned with the White Cross, and the motto honored and respected throughout the Christian world for ages, '*In hoc signo vinces*;' and whatever may be or may have been their faults, or however far they may at times have strayed from the straight path, not one of them has ever lost faith in that symbol or his veneration for the grand and beautiful teachings which that motto must ever bring to the minds of those who believe the doctrines and reverence the character of Him who crimsoned with his life's

blood a Roman cross nearly nineteen hundred years ago. The first presiding officer of this fraternity—and I am glad to say it—was a Christian gentleman, who is to-day a Doctor of Divinity, standing high in the councils of his Church." In 1884 Hon. I. M. Jordan said: "In my judgment our fraternity has grown to be what it is by adhering to the principle with which we started in the beginning, of admitting no man to membership in it who is not believed to be a man of good character, of fair ability, of ambitious purposes, and of congenial disposition; in a word, by the admission of none but gentlemen. It is much more important that we should have but few chapters and have them good ones; that we should have but few members and have them honorable ones, than to have many chapters or many members." A prominent member of the old *ΔΚΕ* chapter, wrote in 1885: "Both sides believed in liberty, neither advocated unbridled license," and added, "Whatever may have been the merits of this controversy, which threatened the peace, if not the very existence of the fraternity at Oxford, it is none the less true that all feeling perished with the parent chapter of the Sigma Chi Fraternity. When General Runkle lay upon the field of Shiloh, with wounds which were supposed to be mortal, the pen of '*Agate*' paid a glowing tribute to his gallantry; and Whitelaw Reid, with touching pathos, hoped the grass would grow green over the the friend of other days."

Neither Sigma Chi nor its founders have cherished any bitterness toward Delta Kappa Epsilon, or its individual members, with whom we held our early controversies. We are informed that there was a time when a large number of the *ΔΚΕ*'s favored a consolidation of the two fraternities, and a committee of conference was appointed, but it came to naught. Sometime during the war, after several of the "original six" had, in some degree, distinguished themselves in battle, the general convention of Delta Kappa Epsilon, on motion, it is stated, of Mr. Whitelaw Reid, and at the request of the Oxford Chapter, voted them all back into the *ΔΚΕ*; and they have all, with one exception, been borne upon the roll of that fraternity as if members in good standing. But in "the fifties" all was not so smooth, although the new fraternity initiated several bright and gentlemanly fellows, and took position among the Greeks at once. In that day the supremacy of New England, in matters literary, as well as in many other matters, was felt and acknowledged. The advantages all lay with the older Eastern fraternities, and they were at first disposed to jeer at their latest and most ambitious rival; while the older Western fraternities, instead of welcoming it as an ally, prophesied all manner of evil against it. The faculty held a meeting, and desired to be informed as to the object and purpose of the organization. This was easily and satisfactorily explained, and from that time they became its warm and devoted friends. Its members took great pride in their fraternity; they entered on all their college duties with great zeal and earnestness, tried to excel in every department of study, contended for

every literary hall or college prize, and made great friends among the non-society men. They made the latter their allies in the literary societies, and dealt justly and fairly with them, sharing with them the honors they desired for themselves. This policy made the fraternity exceedingly strong, without enlarging its membership. Every Sigma stood ready to defend the White Cross against all comers; and Runkle, with more courage than discretion, attacked the college bully, a member of Beta Theta Pi, during prayers one morning, for sneering at his badge. There was a regular Donnybrook Fair of a time, garnished with black eyes and bloody noses. Runkle and the bully were both suspended, although Runkle remained away for a few days only, the sympathy of the faculty being with him, and one dignified old professor remarking to him, "I don't blame you: I wouldn't have blamed you if you had taken a club to him."

The chapter at Delaware was established during the following winter, and the fraternity was so successful that intense envy and jealousy was excited among its rivals. One evening, on assembling, the Sigmas found that their room had been broken into, their strong box rifled, and constitution, seal and all carried off. The perpetrators of this act were never positively known; but the sin was always laid at the door of Beta Theta Pi, whose members were intensely bitter on account of the encounter already mentioned. However, the fraternity won favor out of the incident. The loss was taken very philosophically. Charles Reynolds came as a delegate from Gamma to Oxford, and the SIGMA CHI was organized with a new constitution, grand seal, name, badge and all. The jewelry was contracted for in New York, and was a decided improvement on the Cincinnati work. The constitution was written in cipher, the key being known at first only to Lockwood and Runkle at Miami. A library was collected, and arrangements made for the First Biennial Convention. The old jealousies and bickerings ceased, and the chapter soon had the respect and friendship of all the students. The fraternity always had an admitted reputation for genuine good-fellowship; but it had been one of the convictions of its founders that, without detracting from the pleasures incident to a fraternity, they could make it more literary in its purposes and more helpful to all its individual members. While it was their fundamental object to bring together young men of congenial tastes, and to unite them in the bonds of a true and enduring friendship, their chapter meetings were largely devoted to the encouragement of candid thought and individual literary merit. Their informal literary programmes afforded rare occasions for the frank expression of individual opinion and the revelation of individual character; and among the most interesting archives of the fraternity, is a collection of poems, essays, short stories, and sketches read by Will Lockwood before the chapter.

And thus three years went by until the summer of 1858. The attendance of the institution had begun to decline, and the fraternity could find

among the new comers few who answered the high ideal of its founders. The membership in the classes of '57 and '58, was disproportionately large, and the departure of the latter class threatened to leave the chapter very weak. Lockwood became much disheartened, and resolved upon a heroic escape from its difficulties. To his chivalric mind it seemed far better that his own chapter should die, than that the standard of the fraternity should be lowered or its future be imperilled. He planned and executed the dissolution of the chapter, and the transfer of the reins of authority to the Gamma at Delaware. In the summer of 1858, the Alpha died at the hands of its own members, a voluntary sacrifice to what they conceived to be the welfare of the fraternity it had founded. Lockwood's apprehensions proved not to be mistaken. Few of the right sort of men were in the college after 1860. After the war its struggles for existence grew gradually weaker, until its doors were closed in 1873. Since its reopening in 1885, Phi Delta Theta and Beta Theta Pi, have reestablished their chapters; but its condition has not warranted the revival of Sigma Chi.

The rivals of  $\Sigma \chi$  at Miami have been Alpha Delta Phi (1835-73); Beta Theta Pi (1839); Phi Delta Theta (1848); Delta Kappa Epsilon (1852-73); and Delta Upsilon (1868-73).

## THE CATALOGUE.

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THE publication of the Catalogue and History is being pushed to completion as rapidly as possible. About half of the book is now in type, and as fast as the biographical data of each member is set up, a proof slip is sent to him for his personal revision. This, necessarily, makes the progress of the work slow; but it makes the book more accurate and more satisfactory to all. With this proof slip is sent a prospectus of the Catalogue and a blank form of subscription, ordering a copy of the book to be sent C. O. D., as soon as finished. From the returns of these subscriptions, it is possible to estimate the probable financial outcome; and the prospect is quite gratifying. The chapters already in type have ordered very liberally; but we hope that more of our members will subscribe. Every one will find the book both interesting and useful. We publish in this issue of *THE QUARTERLY*, as an illustration of the historical material, the sketch of the Miami Chapter, containing an account of the origin of the fraternity. The engravings of the buildings, etc., of the various institutions where our chapters have been located, are now nearly all completed, and are printed and ready for the binder. The work has been very successfully done, and these illustrations will form a valuable and unique feature of the book, as it will be the only collection of the kind ever made. Every one to whom a prospectus has been sent but who has not subscribed, is urged to do so at once. Not only is the book well worth the money (four dollars), but his subscription will be of very material assistance to the fraternity. Any surplus over expenses will be turned into the general fraternity treasury. The book will be ready for delivery during the summer; and the active chapters must attend to any matters they have left undone before they disband for the vacation.

## Reviews.

"THE WORK OF THE ADVOCATE." By BYRON K. ELLIOTT, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Indiana, and WILLIAM F. ELLIOTT, Rho, 1880: Large 8vo., 770 pages. Price, \$6.00 net. The Bowen-Merrill Co., Indianapolis, Ind.

Lawyers who read the *Central Law Journal*, the *American Law Magazine*, or other legal periodicals, are familiar with the name of one of their frequent contributors, William F. Elliott. He was a member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity at Butler University, in the class of 1880. In conjunction with his father, Judge Byron K. Elliott, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Indiana, he has recently published a valuable contribution to legal literature, called the "Work of the Advocate." The Editor-in-Chief of THE SIGMA CHI QUARTERLY has had the pleasure of reading the book throughout recently, and desires to add his commendation to that which the legal press and the legal fraternity have already expressed. The book, treating as it does, of the principles of the written and unwritten practice, is especially valuable to young lawyers, and to students of law, who have much or all of their actual experience in court yet to be acquired. Both parts of the book, "The Work out of Court" and "The Work in Court," are so clearly written and so marked by genuine literary as well as legal merit, that a college boy can read them with understanding. Of this feature of the work the *Railway and Corporation Journal* says:

Law books, strictly so-called, do not invite lay readers, as a rule, and popular disquisitions on law usually repel the professional reader, but Judge Elliott's book will prove an exception to both of these rules, in that it is the work of a trained and accomplished jurist, it proceeds according to a scientific professional method, so as to instruct and assist the lawyer who looks into it as a book of practice, while, as the occasional literary labor of a man of letters it will entertain and amuse the intelligent reader in any walk of life.

The reader is struck with the wealth of quotation from the rhetorical, philosophical and legal sages of all time, and finds himself at a continual literary feast, tasting of the best things of Quintilian, Cicero, Fortescue, De Quincey, Holmes and others, besides the great legal writers. Just enough of the *literary* is given to make the reading of the book seem recreation, rather than study.

But as a permanent contribution to legal bibliography, the work is also valuable. In evidence we quote the *Central Law Journal*:

We take great pleasure in recommending this book to the profession, and, contrary to the modest disclaimer of the authors, we do *not* exclude the older and more experienced members of the profession from those who will derive much benefit from its perusal. While it is very true that the juniors will derive the greater share of benefits from this work, it is equally true that there are many things in the volume which older lawyers did not know before. It is an element of great value in this work that so much of it is taken from what may be called the unwritten practice of courts of justice. There is a vast deal of knowledge of the practice of the law which the practitioner ought to have which he cannot acquire from books without a great deal of labor and difficulty, and which in general is acquired by the lessons of that hardest, though most trustworthy of all teachers, experience. To a great extent this work supplies the need we have indicated, and will furnish to its readers a large amount of useful, practical information. The experience of the elder of the authors, and the learning and ability of both, furnish the amplest assurance that their work has been well and thoroughly done, and we hazard nothing in saying to the profession that the work is well worthy of most favorable consideration.

The *Albany Law Journal* devotes nearly two pages of editorial matter (an unusual compliment) to an extended review of the book. With the hope that the numerous young lawyers of the Sigma Chi Fraternity may avail themselves of the information in this excellent work, we close with a few words from the *Albany Law Journal's* editorial :

It will be seen that this is not merely a book of ethical or general advice, but a book of trial practice, suited to the needs of a busy lawyer. It thus has a value, aside from the "good advice" which it contains, in the rules of practice, which are very admirably and concisely stated, we presume by the younger author. Judge Elliott's part of the work shows a wide reading and study of general literature, rhetoric, philosophy and logic, and he adorns and fortifies his own views by many apt citations and quotations of the authoritative writers in all the fields, to say nothing of the wide command of law learning which he displays. It is a pleasure to read such an excellent style, never diffuse and never barren, supplied with striking antitheses, and enlivened by apt anecdotes. The Judge is always acute and ingenious.

On the whole we have enjoyed this book very much, and having done it the rare compliment of reading it through we shall now pay it the still rarer compliment of putting it on our shelves as one of the few law books which we always keep at hand.

## "PRIVATE" DALZELL'S NEW BOOK.

The following from *Literary Notes* is concerning the new book of Hon. Jas. M. ["Private"] Dalzell, who was a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity at Washington College, Pa., in the Class of 1864 :

Private Dalzell's new book ("Autobiography, Poems and Funny War Papers. Life of John Gray, Washington's Last Soldier, etc."), long promised, has reached us at last, fresh from the press of that reputable establishment, the firm of Robert Clarke & Co., Cincinnati, Ohio.

In this book, the Private has free space and full opportunity to flourish his somewhat erratic and bizarre pen. The book is unique—to say the least—the only life of a private soldier by a private soldier, while our library shelves abound with no end of the lives of generals.

Modern history, like that of ancient times—as in the days of Plutarch, the prince of military biographers—abounds in the memoirs of the great captains of armies ; but the Private leaves the beaten track and ventures upon the publication of not only his own life, but that of Private John Gray, confessedly and unquestionably the last survivor of the Continental Army, who died in 1868, aged 105 years. This venerable hero, Private Dalzell professes to have lived near, and known well, for the last twenty years of his life. Though the incidents in his career are few and simple, yet they possess, as they come from the private's graphic pen, a more than dramatic interest. The poem with which the story of the old patriot is introduced, displays poetical genius of high order, and will live long after the rest of the book is forgotten. It is a gem. The story of the revolutionary patriot possesses especial interest in Ohio this Centennial year ; for John Gray was one of the earliest pioneers of Ohio, and came to Ohio at the special instance and request of Washington himself, with whom the dear old fellow was personally intimate, if the private is correctly reporting the story to posterity, of which we see no reason to make any question. Some of the poems printed in the volume, *olla podrida*, display talent of a high order ; some move to laughter, and more to tears, for if the private has a strong point, it is where he seizes his pen to describe the thought and feelings of his comrades, with which everywhere he exhibits an intimate knowledge and sympathy, possibly possessed by no other man in the United States.

But when the private takes up the pen of irony, sarcasm, and ridicule, and delineates the humorous side of the war as seen in the "pup tent," on the picket post, on the march, and by all the men who bore the musket, and who did the fighting—the privates of the army—there he rises above himself, and exhibits such power of humor, pathos, irony, ridicule, and raillery by turns, as probably no other writer upon the same subject has ever shown. He probably goes too far in his criticisms of the generals ; sometimes his temper gets the better of his discretion, and he writes with a severity of criticism of the generals that would better have been left out.



But in *Private Dalzell*, the style is that of *Private Dalzell*, who—like no man living—his own model and standard, rushes on with his pen as he did with his musket, little caring what the world may say or think.

The illustrations of the text, the grave of John Gray, the first soldiers' reunion ever held, and the group of little children that play under the private's roof-tree, and for whose benefit alone the book is written—as the private's sun is nearly set—all in all, with alternate smiles and tears, and a succession of surprises of all sorts, lead the reader on and on, and once he takes up the book he is in for it, nothing like it in all the world; some much better, some much worse, but it is an original masterpiece in its kind, and the reader can not lay it down until he has turned to and read this wonderful, queer, little book of fun and tears from end to end. Price \$1.00; postage, 10 cents. Send to Mrs. H. M. DALZELL, Caldwell, Ohio.

AN ADVANCED ALGEBRA.

Chas. S. Slichter,—Omega, '85,—who is now Adjunct Professor of Mathematics in the University of Wisconsin, has recently published, in conjunction with Prof. Van Velzer of that institution, an *ADVANCED ALGEBRA*. The work has been reviewed by Prof. A. E. Haynes, of Hillsdale College, Michigan. We quote his words introductory to a technical examination of the *Advanced Algebra*. The full review can probably be had upon application to Prof. Haynes, Hillsdale, Mich. :

The advanced algebra of Professors Chas. A. Van Velzer and Chas. S. Slichter, of the University of Wisconsin, being courses one and two, in algebra in that university, will be welcomed with great satisfaction by the truly progressive teacher of this prolific study. The work bears the imprint of both careful, independent thought and a thorough acquaintance with the needs of our higher institutions of learning. While the treatment is logical, yet the authors have dared to go outside the beaten path and insert original matter enough to make the work of unusual interest and merit. To be at all appreciated, however, it must be read. It furnishes food for the real teacher, and will "stir up" the student and lead him to vigorous, healthful discipline of mind. The work is intended for the use of students who have a knowledge of the elements of the subject through quadratic equations.

## Chapter Letters.

### GAMMA—OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

Gamma has been unusually active for the past few weeks, and we cannot foresee a relaxation until commencement day is over. But exercise is one of the means of gaining strength even in a fraternity. Then you would expect us to have gained strength, and we have, not only in our membership but in the members personally. Near the close of last term we added to our list one whom we take great pleasure in introducing to you, Perry Smith, of Zanesville, Ohio. This term, on the evening before the convention assembled, the bonds were extended to another whom we were supremely delighted to count an enthusiastic member of Sigma Chi, C. F. Scott of Cambridge, Ohio. Bro. W. T. McKelvey left us at the beginning of this term not to return until next year. Again, who could have passed through the Third Province Convention and not have gained new strength wherewith to labor for the glory of our cause. We will desist to speak further of the convention than to say that the impression left upon the students of the O. W. U. and the people was all that we could have hoped or even dreamed of, and has given us a prestige that will be of no small advantage to us in time to come.

The college has its usual number of students, mostly the old ones of last term, and has gone quietly on in the regular course of duties, with the exception that it was her good fortune to win the Inter State Oratorical contest, and she tendered her representative, Mr. E. H. Hughes, a grand reception upon his return.

We are to be represented in the Home Contest next year by Bro. T. J. Hughes, who we hope will represent the college as well next year as she has been represented this.

### ETA—UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI.

Since writing our last letter we have been informed of the death of Bro. Wm. Fair Posey, who was a student at the University of Mississippi, during the session of '86 and '87. After leaving the University of Mississippi he attended school at Eaglesville, Tenn.; he then completed a commercial course at Lexington, Ky.; and after that was a student at Vanderbilt University, which he left only a few weeks before his death. The following resolutions were unanimously adopted by the active members of Eta Chapter:

WHEREAS, We have heard with sincere regret of the death of Wm. Fair Posey, a member of Eta Chapter of the Sigma Chi Fraternity; which sad event occurred at Union City, Tenn., on the 27th day of February, A. D. 1889; and,

WHEREAS, While we bow in humble submission to the will of Him "who doeth all things well," yet we can but mourn the death of one so young, who gave promise of a useful career, and in whose future this chapter had so much hope; wherefore, be it

*Resolved*, That we extend our heartfelt sympathy to his sorrowing father, brothers and sister, in this their great bereavement; and bid them take consolation in the fact that he had just recently made preparation to enter into eternal life.

*Resolved*, further, That the members of this chapter wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the SIGMA CHI QUARTERLY, Union City papers, and the *University Magazine* for publication.

W. E. ENOCHS,  
JOHN B. VINNYARD, } *Committee.*  
H. T. GAINES,

The past week will probably be one of the most memorable that has ever transpired at the University. On Tuesday, April 30, the national holiday was celebrated by laying the corner stone of our new Library and Museum. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, there was a very large attendance. Com-

mittees were appointed from the student body to invite and escort the students of the other schools in town. The students, faculty and alumni had each a representative orator, who did credit to himself and the body which he represented.

The second memorable event which formed a part of the history of the past week, was the celebration of the fortieth anniversary of the Phi Sigma Literary Society. The oration delivered by the orator, selected by the society, was, according to the judgment of the severest critic, excellent. The ball which took place in honor of the orator was a success, and not only those who participated, but even the spectators seemed well pleased and entertained.

In addition to the above improvement, the University is remodeling and rebuilding its laboratory, which, in the language of the Chemistry professor, "Will be second to none in the South." Our final examinations will begin in about a month.

#### THETA—PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE.

The April *Bulletin* informs me that if this chapter wants to be represented in the May *QUARTERLY*, the letter had better be written at once; in fact, immediately—if not sooner. It is a rather difficult undertaking to write an essay without having a subject, and it is almost as hard to rake up material for a "chapter letter" where there is absolutely nothing rakable.

We have initiated no men since the first term and will not take any in this year, and simply because there is no material. This is greatly to be regretted, inasmuch as we lose three men by graduation, with the possibility of some of the then remaining six not returning in September. However, Sigma Chi has always been fortunate, and it is certain her luck will not desert her when the fall term opens.

At present, the majority of the students are engaged in chasing leather on the base ball field. The team is stronger this year than it has been for some seasons, and besides has been more liberally supported, both by collegians and faculty,

than possibly ever before. (I have not stated the extent of the "support.") We have five men on the nine and also the manager. D. P. McPherson wears the mask and is captain; John B. McPherson Ex-Grand Prætor of the first province, has consented to hold down the first base bag; G. O. Gehr is a terror to the stealers of second base; Dan'l Krapf gathers in the hits in left field; J. R. Scott plays short-stop, and N. C. McPherson manages the team and takes care of the "boodle." We will play Bucknell on Friday, May 10, and hope to meet several "Sigs" who are players. Bro. Halfpenny who pitched against us two years ago, being among the number.

The corner stone of the Brus Memorial Chapel will be formally laid on May 16, by President H. W. McKnight, D.D. The addresses will be made by Governor James A. Beaver of Pennsylvania; Ex-Attorney General of the United States, Wayne McVeagh, and Charles Emory Smith, Editor-in-Chief of *The Philadelphia Press*. A big time is expected. It is the desire of the chapter to have a banquet during commencement week. There are generally a number of our alumni here at that time, and an affair of that sort will bring them all together. We had one last year, and while not elaborate it was extremely enjoyable.

#### KAPPA—BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY.

With gentle spring comes the renewal of interests at Bucknell, and Kappa's consequent activity. Traditional memories are rekindled, and new hopes inspire the bosom of every loyal son. Our membership has been increased by the addition of J. Casper Bucher, of Lewisburgh, Pa., Bro. Bucher is a royal lad of sixteen summers, and from his inborn nature appears all the traits of a worthy "Sig."

On a recent base ball tour Kappa's representatives on the Bucknell nine were agreeably entertained by Theta and Omicron, respectively. Endearing associations and pleasant memories have been the result, and Kappa is unanimous in her thanks, not only for fraternal devotion,

but also for their betrayal of true manliness and grace of manner. On May 17, Omicron, in turn, was given a dance in Kappa's hall.

Though our present standing is all that could be desired, when we look into the future we turn back again with a mournful eye. The loss of eight men will be severely felt. This leaves only three to maintain the honor and high social standing which has always been ours. We lose, by graduation, Bros. Guile, Hargrave and Shipman. Bro. DeMoody goes to Brown University, and Bro. Campbell to Ann Arbor, Mich., while Bros. Davis, Follmer and Null are uncertain. But we rest assured that Kappa will be placed on a firm footing by those who remain. More than once in her history has Kappa brought strength from weakness, and stood again undaunted by rivals.

It is not without regret that we will bid adieu to our Alma Mater, and grasp hands for a last sad farewell, for we have formed a brotherhood well nigh inseparable. But whatever may be the thoughts and feelings that overcome us at present, in the future, when we look back to college days, recollections of Sigma Chi will cast a soft light of soothing contentment over all.

#### LAMBDA — UNIVERSITY OF INDIANA.

The spring term has just opened up very pleasantly for old Indiana University. Quite a number of new students have entered for the spring, and from them we have secured, after a hard tussle with  $\Phi K \Psi$ , one whom we are confident will render much valuable aid in carrying the white cross. To the fraternity at large let us introduce Mr. Austin Retherford, who ran the gauntlet on the evening of March 28. He is quite an enthusiastic Sig, and has already purchased a pin—an example to be imitated.

There is some danger that the appropriation of \$60,000 for our new Library building will not be available in time to have the building completed by the first of next college year. It is hoped, how-

ever, that they will be able to begin its erection soon. Next year promises to largely increase the attendance here. And with an able law department why should we not excel as a University? There will be quite a change in our faculty next year. Profs. Von Jagemann, Woodford, Dabney, Osthaus and Kingsley drop out. Their places have not all been filled as yet.

Society circles are lively here at present, and have been ever since the first of February. Dancing has been the one great pastime all winter. There have been numerous balls and parties, and the Italian Orchestra of Indianapolis has on several occasions been called upon to furnish music for the elite of our University society. The "Skull," a local junior society, gave a ball in March which was the event of the season. Bros. McMullen and Drees of Xi came down and lent their presence to the festive scene. Lambda has not so far this year entertained her lady friends, but we hope before the year is over to give some sort of an entertainment—one that will be a credit to us.

Meetings this term have been attended very irregularly. The State Oratorical Meeting took quite a number of our boys to Indianapolis, and the following week the Booth and Barrett engagement interfered with us again. However, we still see each other off and on, and our musically inclined members assemble in our hall nearly every evening and furnish delightful (?) music for the promenaders on the public square. Bro. Davis can do most anything with a French harp; Bros. Robertson and Kepler take turns at the violin and Bro. Retherford is gradually stumbling onto the art of handling a guitar.

Our hall has lately had additions made to it which add much to its attractiveness. A painting by an Indianapolis lady friend of one of our boys, and a table scarf—a royal beauty—by lady friends of this city, are tokens which we appreciate highly.

With the opening of spring, athletic sports have again come to the front. Lawn tennis and base ball are all in all

to the hearts of the male students of I. U. Every class from the lamb-like prep to the dignified senior boasts of their ball players. Among the prominent "high-kickers" and "base-bitters" are our own Bros. Wright, New and Rudy.

We have received from Gamma chapter an invitation to attend the third Province Convention at Delaware, Ohio, and it calls up regrets that we were unable to have our convention during the State Oratorical at Indianapolis.

#### MU—DENISON UNIVERSITY.

Sigma Chi is still on top at Denison, and will try to give the proof by recounting some of the many occurrences of the past three months, which Mu feels a pleasure and pride not only in recalling, but in writing where other fraternity men may read. Our last letter was written just too early to record the occurrence of the Annual Washington Banquet. This has come to be the principal event of the year before commencement week; combining as it does social and intellectual entertainment. Sigma Chi was represented by Henry C. Stilwell as toast master, O. O. A. Wilkinson, who responded to the Junior toast, and by A. A. Thresher on the committee of arrangements. At the close of the banquet, as the frats were preparing to adjourn with their ladies to their halls for a continuation of social pleasures, the Betas, in the hope of outdoing the others, applied to the musicians to go with them to their hall, but were told that they were already engaged to go to the Sig hall. The frats here are very close with their halls, but so great was the disappointment of Beta Theta Pi that she immediately supplicated Sigma Chi to come to her hall and bring the music along. To this generous invitation Sigma Chi felt obliged to send regrets. The bitterness of fraternity rivalry has entirely disappeared from among us, but we enjoy all the more, little rounds of this kind. Another of these incidents occurred a few days ago, when three Sigs and three Betas went to the reservoir on a fishing excursion. It was

decided that Sigma Chi should fish against Beta Theta Pi for the ice cream. A few moments fishing was indulged in the first evening, with the Betas jubilant over a lead of two fish. But the next day was to tell the tale, and in the time of reckoning Beta Theta Pi was found in the soup, and now Sigma Chi is eating pink and blue ice cream.

The most delightful social event of the year was the fancy dress party given to Sigma Chi by Mr. and Mrs. Burton Case at their beautiful residence. The invitations bore the colors of Sigma Chi, and the faculty, citizens and other frats were largely remembered. There were costumes of all colors and kinds, ages and nationalities, and to one looking in upon the rooms, brilliantly lighted and handsomely decorated in blue and gold, the effect was beautiful; and enlivened by the varied blending of colors, the strains of music, and the graceful movements of the dancers. Every one was enthusiastic in praise of the occasion, and every one—even those who many times before had been honored by the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Case—united in declaring it the most enjoyable event Granville had witnessed for many a year.

The proposed State Athletic Association, of which we spoke in our last letter, proved a failure, but athletics at Denison have been given a fresh impetus by the formation of the Denison Athletic Association, which embraces under one organization all the sports and athletic contests which have heretofore been entirely distinct. Grounds have been secured which will provide excellent base ball and foot ball grounds, a quarter-mile track and new tennis courts. L. L. Sutton was elected first President of the association, with A. A. Thresher, Treasurer, and in the election of officers for next year O. O. A. Wilkinson was chosen President. Last Friday night Willis A. Chamberlin was elected editor-in-chief of the *Collegian* for the coming year.

We are all enthusiastic over the success of the convention and the hospitality of Gamma Chapter. Such gatherings, it

seems to us, are of inestimable benefit to the chapters in giving them new ideas, arousing new interest and establishing firmer and more intimate relations between the chapters.

#### RHO—BUTLER UNIVERSITY.

It seems that whenever the time for a chapter letter has rolled around, matters outside of college have required our attention to such an extent as to render the writing of them for the previous numbers of this year's magazine almost impossible.

Butler University has now a brighter future than has been anticipated for the last few years. A new board of trustees was elected last year, and among the new men are several of the alumni who are entering upon their duties with an apparent determination to make the institution one of a much higher grade. To that end much of the real estate of the University has been placed upon the market. The sales to this time aggregate about \$50,000, with a steady demand for the balance, all of which is located in Indianapolis. It is thought that \$100,000 more will be disposed of before the opening of the fall term. All of this property is in the form of vacant lots, and has been the source of no revenue to the college, so that some new chairs, together with several new tutors are now to be expected as a result of the income to be derived from these sales. In addition to this money there is now about \$40,000 in the building fund of the University, and with that amount it is proposed to erect a new building for the preparatory department and a gymnasium with good equipments, which will occupy considerable of the space. But best of all, it has been decided to send out an agent to solicit donations to the endowment fund, and we feel confident that it will be but a few years until Butler takes more rapid strides than she has in the past.

In last January we strengthened our chapter by bringing into our mystic circle three of the leading men in the college, who are now loyal Sigs ready to do anything honorable for the advancement of

our fraternity. We take pleasure in introducing to you the three: Chas. A. Brown, of Indianapolis, Dan Layman, of Irvington, and Robert Leavitt, of Vernon, Ind.

We regretted very much that no province convention was held during the State contest. It has been a great many years since so many active Sigs congregated in Indianapolis. Lambda, Delta Delta, Delta Chi, Xi and Chi all had large representations in addition to the men from our chapter. We are desirous that a province convention be held before the end of the college year, as a general fraternity interest can be brought about through it much more effectively than in any other way. Wherever it is held, our entire chapter will attend it. Let us all boom the province convention.

#### CHI—HANOVER COLLEGE.

In looking over the fraternities as represented in Hanover College, just at present the most noticeable feature seems to be the general good fellowship existing among them all. Some time ago the election of officers of our literary societies at Hanover was accompanied by much rivalry and struggle; but it is sufficient to say that affairs have been arranged so that Sigma Chi has nothing to fear from the future. Chi has twelve men in one of our societies, and when combined with *B & H* she has by far the majority.

We have made no initiations since my last letter and what is more will have no new men to present to the Sigma Chi world at commencement. Chi for many years has never failed to initiate her share of men at commencement, but as the present senior prep class has no *Σ X* material whatever in its ranks, it will be impossible for us to make any showing at all this year. But notwithstanding the fact that we will have no new initiates, we will still outnumber our rivals, as we have thirteen active members, and lose only two this year by graduation. So far the men of Chi have been holding their own (which has always been high rank), both in class room and the literary societies.

Bro. Pence, '89, was Hanover's representative to the oratorical contest held at Indianapolis last month. He obtained second place, and we were all well pleased over his success, as that is as high a position as Hanover has ever before succeeded in obtaining.

In regard to our chapter correspondence, it seems very strange that Chi never receives more than four or five letters each term, while she, on the other hand, endeavors to keep up her correspondence with all her sister chapters. If all the chapters would do their duty and keep the other chapters informed as to their fraternity work, it could be made by very little effort a very interesting work, and would undoubtedly keep the chapters better informed on all questions concerning Sigma Chi at large. I hope the other chapters will take more interest in this work hereafter, and try and make it as interesting as possible.

We regret to announce that Bro. Byrns, '92, while visiting his parents, was severely injured, which very likely will prevent him from returning to college this term. He was out the greater part of the first term and had just received a good start when another accident befell him.

Rev. Howard Fisher, '86, who has just finished his course at McCormick Theological Seminary, is home and attends all our meetings.

R. D. Taylor, '90, acted as a delegate from the United Presbyterian Church to the Presbytery, held at Pittsburg last week. I do not know how Chi is in regard to acting on religious matters, but if Bro. Taylor is as good in that line as he is in every other thing, there can be no doubt but that he performed his work to the satisfaction of every one. The roll of our chapter includes two Seniors, two Juniors, two Sophomores, and seven Freshmen.

#### OMEGA—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

Omega has been afflicted in a very serious degree, with the spring moving fever, but has now, we are happy to say,

fully recovered. We found it necessary to give up our old chapter house this spring, and in reconnoitering hit upon our present location, which makes a much pleasanter house, although in not as pleasant a situation. We hope some day to move into a permanent home, and so do away with the inconvenience of hunting house. We had a hard siege of moving, but it is all over now, and it is from her new quarters that Omega again extends a hearty, cordial invitation to all brothers who may come near, to partake of her hospitality. Remember when you are in Chicago that you are but eleven miles from home and are always welcome. Since our last letter we have prospered well, and the future looks as bright as ever. Last term we initiated two freshmen, Geo. P. Hills, of Ottawa, and Edmund Ludlow, of Paxton. Bro. Hills, we are sorry to say, finds it necessary, on account of ill health, to drop his studies for the rest of the term. We have received our share of honors this term, and are still hoping for more. With the opening of the spring term, Bro. Weeden did himself and the chapter honor by winning the first Adelpic prize for oratory. Since then Bro. Howard has taken the second Deering and second Hinman prizes, both for essays. In honors we have led the van this year. We are to have a good representation on the Kirk Oratorical Contest and Commencement, with an excellent show for winning the prize. We lose four men this spring, by graduation, but hope to welcome back as many more of our wandering members in the fall. Athletics at N. W. U. have received a big boom this year. So far the ball nine have not met with a single defeat, and stand a good show for the championship of the league of Northwestern colleges. The University tug-of-war team are now the champions of the State, having won in a number of hard contests. Bros. Watrous and Phelps make two valuable members of the team. Lately the photos and sketches of the lives of the members of the team appeared in the *Chicago Herald*, and they will appear

again soon in the *Outing Magazine*. We are making arrangements for a housewarming to take place soon, and hope to hold an alumni banquet in Chicago during commencement week. Bro. Wise has returned from an extended trip through the south and west. While gone he paid a visit to our Tulane and Berkeley brothers. He speaks very highly of the numerous Sigs whom he met, and is more enthusiastic than ever. We now have fourteen in the chapter, and have a number of desirable men in view for next fall, so that we expect to have fully as large a chapter next year. We lately had the pleasure of receiving a visit from five of our Beloit brothers, who accompanied their ball nine to Evanston. We were glad to receive the call, and hope soon to return it.

#### DELTA DELTA—PURDUE UNIVERSITY.

Our chapter has been increased in number and strength by the initiation of three new men. M. E. Stout, of the Junior Pharmacy Class, joined the fraternity on the night of Feb. 23. He can in after years celebrate Washington's Birthday with a dual object in its commemoration. Later on, the nights of April 16 and 17 were signalized by the advent of two more good men into the fold of old ΣΧ. Charles Goodwin graced the occasion the first named night by being the initiate. And on the next night James McClamrock did the "central figure" act to the great delight of all the boys present. Delta Delta can with propriety feel proud of her new acquisitions. All possess the agreeable constituent of conviviality so desirable in fraternity brothers, as well as the more staple qualities of morality and sterling worth.

The initiation of James McClamrock is vested with a peculiar interest that I am sure will challenge the admiration of Sigma Chi in general. A Phi Delta Theta movement had been inaugurated here recently, and was apparently meeting with much encouragement from the fraternity at large. Among the agitators,

Bro. McClamrock was prominent in being one of the most energetic movers, and it was largely due to his efforts that the impetus it early received was effected. As embryo Phi Delt enthusiasm reached a dizzy altitude, the Sigs succeeded in spiking this one of their number. The initiatory ceremonies occurred very shortly afterward, all the preliminaries being of a profoundly secret nature. So when on the 18th of April his attendance at chapel exercises was characterized by the appearance of a white cross prominently displayed on his vest, the effect was electric. It was quite as unexpected and to many as unaccountable, as the appearance of a bolt of lightning from a clear and unclouded sky. Excited comment was freely indulged in and factionalism ran riot. After the real excitement of the moment had exhausted itself and tempered moderation resumed its sway, Bro. McClamrock once again took up the even tenor of his way and Delta Delta relaxed into its customary social equipoise.

Our love for Alma Mater makes it a great pleasure to announce that her financial basis, which has hitherto been of a very unsubstantial sort, has at last been permanently and firmly established. By conditions of a State law recently enacted, Purdue has an annuity of \$80,000 from the State, besides the allowance of an amount sufficient to defray all expenses that have or will accrue up to Oct. 1890. By virtue of this act, the amount the University gets annually will be between forty-five and fifty thousand dollars, besides the \$15,000 allowed to the U. S. Government Station that is connected with Purdue. New buildings will be erected this summer to facilitate the accommodation of the large number of students now in attendance. The news of the appropriation was heralded with joy and jubilee. A carnival of thanksgiving of an extremely secular kind continued for several nights following the reception of the gratifying tidings.

The annual literary entertainments given by the four societies occurred the first week in April. As usual, the week



was one of relaxation and gaiety. The work of the curriculum was modified to such an extent that little study was required, and the greater portion of students abandoned themselves to pleasure by plunging into the vortex of social dissipation. Bro. Anderson represented us on the Irving entertainment. Although the only Sig on the program, yet we feel a balm in the fact that we could have had no more, possibly, he being the only one in the society. The Carlyle occurred on the last night of the series, and in point of merit, music and decorations, is conceded to have carried off the laurels of the year. Four performances out of a possible seven were sustained by Sigs. Bro. Dorner, as essayist, Bro. Richards, as orator, and Bros. Stafford and McCutcheon as declaimers, did the representative act very creditably.

Purdue will make an effort to get into the State Oratorical Association. Indications are favorable to her admission. Much interest is manifested in the move, for, although Purdue is technical in nature, four excellent literary societies afford good facilities for the training of oratorical aspirants.

The Senior Class are making arrangements for the publication of an annual, to appear shortly before Commencement Day. It is an innovation at Purdue, and its reception by the public will determine whether or not the annual at Purdue will be a permanent institution. Sigma Chi is represented on the editorial staff by Bro. McCutcheon.

#### DELTA CHI—WABASH COLLEGE.

We are still in the land of the living, although some of our rivals here wish we were not. The extreme excitement, and fraternity spirit, which kept us in constant watchfulness to protect our own interests, has somewhat subsided, and we are going along in our own quiet way attending to our own business, and letting others attend to theirs. We have added no new members to Sigma Chi this term owing to the fact that we have

found no one worthy of wearing the white cross.

The base ball interest has monopolized a goodly part of our outside time here in Wabash. We have three men in the regular nine, catcher, first base and right field. The rest of us, who have no such an opportunity for public distinction, urge on our representatives as best we can and lay our claim for notice, indirectly, in the results. The Wabash team has been successful in every game played this year, beating DePauw twice and the "Rose Polytechs," shutting them out. In the second DePauw game, Bro. Brewer, the little Sig right fielder, dislocated his shoulder in making one of his wonderful slides. The boys of the club would be permitted by general sanction to order larger hats, and in fact, all the college might be observed to have a slight tinge of the same malady—swelled head. Yet not without good cause, for the DePauw games were well played on both sides, and were earned and well merited victories for Wabash.

We are in receipt of the commencement invitation of the Spencerian Business College, Washington, D. C., from Bro. Strong, who left Wabash last Christmas with a view to taking that course. Bro. Reynolds, also formerly of Delta Chi, will graduate from that institution this year. They both contemplate a business career, and knowing their good qualities as well as we do, we predict for them a most successful and happy fulfillment of their plans. Bro. Jones, who also left us last Christmas, is in Little Rock, Ark., in the real estate business. Jones was the "baby" of our chapter and was weaned young, but his taste for the maternal milk of Sigma Chi has not diminished in the least and he has promised as a visit soon.

The example we set of putting a piano in our hall has been followed by the  $\Phi \Lambda \Theta$  and  $\Phi K \Psi$ . And we three, whose halls are not far apart, vie with one another in trying to make the most noise. It would be hard to pass judgment as to who wins.  $B \Theta \Pi$  thinks that in the

course of years she also may possibly buy a piano.

One object much discussed among us is the provincial convention. On unessential questions our sentiments and opinions are legion, but we stand united in wanting the convention, be it held where it may. Bro. Shull, Grand Prætor, has a much bigger job on his hands than an outsider can imagine in trying to find some clue to uniformity in our suggestions and those of the other chapters. But a convention we want, and all other things we are willing to take as they come or will be when the convention materializes.

We have had no fraternity fights since the last of last term, and the lethargy of peaceful times has commenced to settle down over us. We will soon have to contrive some sort of excitement or wither from the mere want of some excuse for living. Ice cream and cake, which have many times been the gift of our many lady friends, are very acceptable to counteract the effect of these warm nights. But, though we never miss the opportunity of discussing such a spread, yet we need the infusion of something a little more decided, something sure to kill or cure. We will take care that we do not die, and so leave as the result the other alternative, a complete cure and a thorough regeneration.

We acknowledge with thanks the kind invitation extended to our chapter by  $\Delta \Delta$  to the Sophomore picnic. And we are glad to say that we enjoyed the visits from Bros. McMullen and Bacon of Xi. We are always glad to receive a fraternal visit from any Sigma Chi.

#### ZETA ZETA—CENTRE COLLEGE.

"Yes, just returned from the convention." "Had a most enjoyable trip," etc., etc., are answers we constantly hear falling from our lips in speaking of the Provincial Convention. For the first time in some years Zeta Zeta has managed to be represented at a convention of this province, and now, though full of the inspiring enthusiasm of the meeting, we are unable to pen any encomium which would

adequately describe the great and beneficial results of the meeting. Forty thoughtful, though enthusiastic scions of Ohio's best blood they were that gathered in the beautiful though slightly conservative city of Delaware to discuss with the deserving and progressive offspring of Sigma Chi's oldest daughter, ways and means for future advancement. A success? Why! how could a gathering be otherwise, when young progressive Sigs put their heads and hearts together to prove they are worthy of the charter recently issued them? Yes, a brilliant and not to be forgotten success. The resolutions, and the spirit that prompted them, in every respect reflect the spirit of the body, and if one will think on them calmly he will find that no bigoted notions govern us in our deliberations, and more that Sigma Chi is no enemy of literary societies, when she firmly asks that, where reputable organizations exist, her members be found in their ranks striving to promote their every interest, promote the social and intellectual man. Now that a permanent organization has been entered into under which we are to meet annually, and Wooster has given us such a warm invitation, let us all be there if possible, and may we be able to say, that while Gamma left no stone unturned for success, Beta turned them over twice or three times.

The collegiate year now coming to a close has witnessed some of the most telling activity in behalf of Centre by her friends and alumni, but the one to whom all credit is due for untiring efforts is President Young. Modern in his ideas of the management of an institution, and industrious and able in pursuit of them, his labors are already beginning to show up handsomely. A new professorship of English Language and History will be added next term, and at the same time ground will be broken for that urgent necessity—a gymnasium.

We hope to hold our first annual field-day about the middle of this month, the base ball team being already organized and in the field.

We are happy to say that two of our chapter hold important positions on the board of editors of the *Centre College Oracle*, our infant college paper, which first bowed to the public March last: fondly saluting our alumni one thousand strong, and many distinguished, and thoughtfully beseeching the students for subscriptions and contributions and the merchants for advertisements.

With these few reflections on our prosperity, we beg leave to bid the chapters a fond adieu, trusting we all shall be found again in the coming fall term striving to uphold our fair escutcheon.

#### ZETA PSI—UNIVERSITY OF CIN- CINNATI.

Zeta Psi looks back upon the past year with a feeling of satisfaction. While she has only gained three members, yet she has gained infinitely in other ways. Her new quarters are a vast improvement over the old; never has such interest been taken in chapter and fraternity matters, and her prospects for next year are fair. We lose this year three members by graduation, Bros. Creaghead, Rodgers, and Smith. In addition to these, Bros. Wilson and Barsall will also leave us. But we have our eyes on several men for next year, and will do all we can to get them.

We now have a small library of about two hundred volumes, accumulated during the last five months. We have introduced literary features at our meetings. Each alternate meeting is what might be called a "social session." After the business meeting we have an essay, a poem and a reading or oration and a budget. After this we indulge in a "speak." We have selected the first Tuesday in each month for these meetings, and any Sig in our city on that night may be assured of a warm greeting and, we trust, an enjoyable evening at our chapter hall, 182 Buckeye street.

Our rivals, *B @ II*, have had a little row in their camp, and two of their men have gotten out. These two, we are told, are trying to get a charter for another frat. We are waiting for it to materialize.

The Province Convention has engrossed our attention for some time past. We sent up three men, Bros. Wilson, Bennett and Smith, and it seems they will never weary of telling of "the time we had up at Delaware." They report that Gamma entertained handsomely.

We have had as recent visitors Bros. Gardiner of Lambda, and Miller of Alpha Gamma, who are studying at the Cincinnati Law School. Bro. Bowers, of Alpha Gamma, who is studying medicine at the Miami Medical College, also drops in on us occasionally.

#### THETA THETA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

Last evening we initiated as our eighteenth member for '89, J. R. Sutton, of Hillsdale, this state, who is the third addition since our last letter. The other two were James T. Bevan and Allen B. Bevan, of Decatur, Ill., both "lits" '92.

Our Chapter at present is suffering the loss of Bros. J. O. Ballard and J. N. Edmonson. The former is absent with the U. of M. Glee Club on its annual tour, and the latter is sick at his home in Lexington, Ky. Bro. Hegel, of *A II*, one of the most effective members of the U. of M. foot-ball team, has left college for the present year. In the late Senior Law Class election Sam R. Ireland was made "class poet" for '89.

On last Friday our one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five students assembled in University Hall, to be reviewed by the legislators of the State of Michigan, who spent the day here examining into the needs of the institution. There is now a bill before the house appropriating seventy-five thousand for a hospital building to be located on the University grounds and used for clinical purposes. It is greatly to be hoped that the law makers of Michigan were so favorably impressed that they will pass this bill, thus preventing the clinic from going to Detroit—a thing which many of the professors advise, but which Pres. Angel opposes. Of the non-active members now attending the U. of M. all will return

next year, except Bro. Wilbur, who graduates in the medical department. Our members, in the absence of a sufficiently large gymnasium, are at present perfecting themselves in the art of tennis; and some, finding this inadequate for their overflow of spring energy, contemplate the early organization of a Sigma Chi base ball nine. As the time is fast approaching for our "frat" picture, many of us have been investigating in regard to the most satisfactory method of obtaining eighteen good likenesses in one picture, with the following result: Each member is to have taken a small size cabinet with name, class, etc., subscribed. These are to be mounted upon one large extra thickness cardboard and hung in fraternity parlors beside similar groups of those who were active members in the years gone by. The individual members will have small-size copies struck from this one. Three new pins have been purchased recently by Theta Theta's members, making our whole number of pins at present fifteen. Of our eighteen members only eight will return next year. Yet in this great loss there is some consolation in knowing we are sending to the hundreds of "Sigs" now in practical life ten as fine fellows as ever entered any chapter in any fraternity. Those leaving us this year are M. E. Stephens, Trinidad, Colorado; C. S. Reilley, Bay City, Mich.; J. A. Muir, Port Huron, Mich.; J. N. Edmonson, Lexington, Ky., and S. R. Ireland, Ashland, Ky. All of the above mentioned are graduates in the law department, and intend practicing in their native cities. C. W. Vermillion, of Iowa, and A. Benedict, of Rochester, N. Y., also graduates in law, will practice respectively in Kansas and Detroit. F. L. Prentiss, who takes the A. B. degree in the literary department, returns to his home at Monroeville, Ohio. J. O. Ballard leaves the U. of M. to complete his study of medicine in New York City, and J. T. Bevan expects to leave next fall for Edinburgh, Scotland. Notwithstanding the above losses, Theta Theta hopes to be early on the scene of action next year,

and, if possible, judiciously increase her roll even unto the high water mark of '89.

#### SIGMA SIGMA—HAMPDEN SIDNEY COLLEGE.

We owe an apology to all of the chapters, as well as to the editor-in-chief, for not having appeared in the *QUARTERLY* this session, but as we heartily agree with the sentiments expressed in the letter from Psi, in regard to "brotherly love" in chapter letters, and as we had nothing else about which we could write, we feel assured that all associate editors, who have been in the same fix, at some time, will forgive us.

Work has commenced on the new "Memorial Hall" for the college, which is to cost \$35,000 or \$30,000, and the cornerstone will be laid about Commencement. This is an improvement for which we have often wished, and it is earnestly hoped that it will give the old college a decided "boom." It will be a very handsome building, containing society halls, lecture rooms, laboratory, etc., and the present building will be devoted entirely to dormitories and the gymnasium. Much credit is due our honored president, Dr. McIlwaine, for his efforts in this direction, and we all rejoice that they have been crowned with success. The number of students this session has been somewhat smaller than last, but the personnel of the men is good, and the work has been almost universally satisfactory.

We began the year with only four men, two of our men not having returned on account of ill health, and are still *in statu quo*, our efforts in this direction not having been successful. Two of us entertain hopes of graduating, but we also hope that Bro. Briggs will return next year, and with his assistance, and on other grounds, have good reason to think that we will soon be as strong as ever. We have only one honor to report, Bro. Houston was voted the Junior Debaters' medal of the Union Society at its last meeting. We have taken this medal three times in the last four years. Bro. Houston was also elected to contest for the honor of

representing this college at the State Oratorical Contest, and stood a good chance of receiving the appointment; but we have just heard that on account of the burning of the society halls at Emory and Henry College the contest has been postponed.

The Prætor wishes to state to the chapters in this province that he is in "De valley an' de shadder" of his examinations, and if they don't hear from him soon, it is on this account.

#### ALPHA BETA—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

Spring being upon us in all the glory that California weather usually brings when doing its best, we find ourselves in full harmony with the general improvement in weather. Alpha Beta has enjoyed the uniform prosperity which has attended it since the opening of the fall term. Our numbers have been temporarily diminished by reason of three of our members in the Freshman Class being absent on leave. But we have been so accustomed to living by fraternity spirit and not by numbers alone that these representatives are missed not so much in upholding Sigma Chi interests associably. This year however will mark the loss to us of our first charter members by graduation, Bros. Noble, Sullivan and Widber being about to make their debut into actual life. The loss to us who remain will be severe, for those gentlemen have seen the chapter progress from a precarious beginning to a firm standing in the Hellenic world of this university. The benefit of their valuable experience will be to some extent, then, missing in our councils, but we hope that the saying, "Out of sight, out of mind," will not apply to them. Certainly the latter will not happen if they hold towards us the feeling we, who will be left, hold for them.

We have just passed through the experience of another charter day and, we think, with flying colors. The old element of activity which has always char-

acterized Alpha Beta in its workings, did not fail us at this period, and we benefited accordingly. Substantial arrangements were commenced a month before towards the decorating of the house. Furniture was added, both light and heavy, new stores of culinary utensils laid in, and past popularity depended on to make our chapter shine out as never before. College spirit reached its highest point in this affair, and the rivalry for tickets to the afternoon dance led to ways and means on the part of certain individuals which were not strictly legitimate. Happily, we were fully supplied, and it is needless to say that blue and gold shone as dominant colors that day. A new tennis court was at the disposal of our guests, and we prolonged the entertainment in the evening by a social time at the club house. Our tennis court is one of the innovations in fraternity life here that Alpha Beta can claim the honor of introducing. Not a few of those who enjoy it are men of other fraternities.

Situated as we are, at such a distance from a sister chapter, a visit from any fraters of  $\Sigma X$  from across the Rockies is at once an event and a pleasure. Bros. Wise and Cozzens, of Omega, were with us lately, and we hope pleasant impressions were mutual. Bro. Fletcher, of Alpha Kappa, also not long since introduced to us Bro. Hicks, of Alpha Epsilon, and the visit was enjoyed by all. Bro. Mathew, of Omega, now Dean of the College of Liberal Arts of the University of Southern California, was also over last week.

At the election by the Class of '89 of officers for Class Day, Sigma Chi gained two important offices, that of Class Historian, secured by Bro. Noble, and Dispensator, which fell to Bro. Widber. We are correspondingly elated.

We look forward to a prosperous opening of the next college year, and have certainly gained strength and experience with each year. With no prospect of serious setbacks, we will draw the curtain while all is serene.

### ALPHA GAMMA— OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

Our chapter sends greeting to all Sigs, and begs leave to inform them that she has entered on the third term of a successful year, and that the outlook for the future is bright. We have seven men, as follows: two seniors, two sophomores, two freshmen and one senior preparatory. Two of our pledged men will join us next September.

The University has three hundred students in attendance this term, an increase of thirty-five over last year. A new course in electrical engineering has been recently added to the already numerous courses. The new department has at its head an able man, and is equipped with an extensive laboratory. The chemical laboratory burned to the ground early in March. The new building soon to be erected will be an elegant structure, and will cost, including apparatus, etc., about \$50,000. A new building will also be erected for the electrical engineers. The battalion at present consists of four companies and a battery of two guns. The cadets are well drilled, and much military interest is aroused, owing to the annual prize drill, which occurs in early May.

We have a new Sig, and a bright one, to introduce to the wearers of the white cross. Chas. E. Kilbourne, Jr., joined us early in April. He comes of a good Sig family, having several cousins already in the fraternity. We expect Geo. McCulloch back next year, and will start out with eight men and a new hall.

There are five other fraternities here now:  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$  with eleven men,  $\Phi K \Psi$  with ten,  $X \Phi$  with twelve,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  with eight, and  $B \Theta \Pi$  with fourteen. The girls have twelve loyal  $K K \Gamma$ 's.

This letter is written a few days before the Provincial Convention at Delaware. We expect to go twenty strong if possible, and anticipate a royal time. Several of the Delaware boys have visited us recently, and we have found them excellent fellows. We also met Bro. Nelson, from Beta, a few weeks ago.

There are forty Sigs located in the city.

Hon. Thos. E. Powell is the acknowledged leader of the Columbus bar. Hon. D. K. Watson is the attorney general, DeWitt C. Jones is postmaster, Hon. J. G. Huffman is in the senate, and Col. Jas. Watson and Edmund Smith are well known lawyers.

### ALPHA EPSILON—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

These are bright and merry days for the Greek cause in the University of Nebraska. We now have six enthusiastic and progressive fraternities. The "barbs" have divided, forming a third barbarian society, and, as a result, are weaker than before. The rivalry in the U. of N. is now not between "frats" and "barbs," but between "frats" and "frats" for the best men. Sigma Chi is well satisfied with her present standing, and has no fears for the future. During the year we have transferred seven of the strongest, if not the seven strongest of the enemy to the ranks of Sigma Chi. This gives us fourteen active men in Alpha Epsilon; and the indications at present are that every man of them will count ties Lincolnward next fall. We have no Seniors this year. Harry Hicks, who was one of the leading members of that class, found it for his pleasure and profit to pass the most of the year in Arizona. He has now decided to change his course from the civil engineering to the literary, and intends to be with us for two years more. He is convinced that this will be to his ultimate advantage, and we, who are inclined to take a selfish view, are more than pleased with the decision. Though we shall lose a number of strong men next year, we hold ourselves even now assured of a fine chapter for some years to come, and so far in our history we have experienced little difficulty in finding men worthy to fill the places left vacant by our graduating brothers.

As to the University as a whole, it has never seen a more prosperous era. Our chancellor-less condition seems to be the best possible for internal development, and for the acquisition of strength from

without. The number of students is steadily increasing; and the faculty is adding to itself men of the right sort. We have secured one of Iowa's best zoölogists in Prof. Simek; Dr. Warner, the rising political economist; Dr. Wolfe, in the field of psychology; Prof. Bruner, connected for twenty years with the Smithsonian; and Dr. Kingsley, the biologist. This gives us, in the persons of Drs. Bessey and Kingsley, two editors on the "American Naturalist."

In the local oratorical contest, the fraternities were not represented. In the State contest, the University was defeated. Whether there is any connection between the two incidents we do not venture to say.

#### ALPHA ZETA—BELOIT COLLEGE.

The April number of the *Bulletin* has just arrived, and in it we find among other things, that the chapter letters for the May QUARTERLY must be in *at once*; therefore he whose duty it is to note the ripples on the surface of the career of A Z pauses in his mad pursuit after knowledge, and for a time leaves his books and thinks of other things (it is well enough to say this where he is not known), and as he thinks, notes a few facts which materially affect the chapter of Sigma Chi located at Beloit.

In the first place the college, of which we are a part, is growing and is extending its roots and branches in a manner that denotes a strong, healthy and normal development; more students than ever before are flocking to Beloit, and one who is acquainted with the facts in the case, sees that the students that are coming are of a higher manhood, both literary, physical and financial than ever before.

From this state of affairs it is but a necessary result that the different college organizations are flourishing. The literary societies are enjoying a prosperous year, while the outlook for athletics and music is especially promising. The man Beloit sends to the inter-state oratorical contest this year is a man of marked

ability, and will represent us in a manner highly creditable to himself and us.

For the first time in the history of the college, our glee and banjo clubs this year made a tour in the spring vacation, which was a grand success, and has undoubtedly established a precedent which will be followed in years to come. Also this year the first regular College Annual ever issued here was published by the Junior Class, and that it was an exceedingly creditable volume all admit.

A new academy building is being built this spring at a cost of \$25,000, and before '91 graduates we will have a new science hall and a new chemical laboratory. Without doubt Beloit College is passing through an era of exceptional prosperity in every way.

Alpha Beta is keeping pace with this prosperity, and was never in a more prosperous condition than she is at present; we have fifteen men to B Θ Π 18, and Φ K Ψ 10, and in our new chapter rooms enjoy ourselves about as much as fifteen men very well can. On March 15 last we were all entertained in a right royal manner at the house of Prof. and Mrs. Whitney, whose son Albert wears the white cross. On May 10, we intend giving our annual party for '89, and expect to enjoy ourselves as much as on previous similar occasions. This term we lose Bros. Russell, Martin and Ingersoll, all of whom graduate; this loss will be deeply felt by the active members of the chapter, as all three have been active members since the first term of their freshmen year. But we had the pleasure of welcoming back to the circle Bros. Sexton and Evans, who were temporarily absent on account of sickness, and next term we expect to have a similar pleasure, when Bro. D. R. Williams, who is now regaining strength from a recent sickness, returns. Last term we initiated G. A. Dowd, of the Freshman Class, and now introduce him to the Sigma Chi world as a member of Alpha Zeta.

NOTE.—Any of the chapters who would like to exchange "College Annuals," we would be pleased to hear from.

### ALPHA THETA—MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.

The matter of leading interest to Alpha Theta men since our last letter has been the annual theatre party and banquet given by the chapter. After diligently hunting around the central parts and suburbs of Boston, and taking an expedition through Harvard, we succeeded in gathering in all twenty-nine men, including seven alumni of Alpha Theta, Messrs. Powell, Chi, '84, Voris, Chi, '87, Norcross, Alpha Zeta, '86, and Hammond, Lambda, '85. The bill of fare at the dinner was excellent, but the bill of company was much better. Every one of the twenty-nine men present was called upon for a speech after the regular toast list was finished, and with slight intermissions, in which the Alpha Theta orchestra played, this proceeding filled up the time very acceptably. The oratorical powers of Sigma Chi were certainly well demonstrated on this occasion, and they were not found at all lacking, the western men being especially eloquent towards the close of the entertainment.

We have been alternating between hope and despair in regard to the proposed convention of the First Province, but with the postponement of the affair we hope to be able to do more towards making it a success, as far as we are concerned, when it does come.

Charles P. Cogswell, '91, and E. A. Holmes, '91, are two recent additions to the ranks of Sigma Chi through Alpha Theta, and at the present writing we are constructing instruments of torture to meet the requirements of some prospective initiations.

There will be an Alpha Theta party leaving New York on the Hamburg line steamer Augusta Victoria on the twenty-seventh of June; every Sig intending a European trip about this time had better fall in with us.

### ALPHA SIGMA—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

Owing to the hard work in preparation for the spring examination, and the vari-

ous duties of commencement week, there has been no time for excitement, nevertheless, Alpha Sigma has been quietly progressing.

On account of an oversight on the part of the Associate Editor, in our first chapter letter, the name of W. H. Hoyt was omitted in the list of charter members. Since the issue of the last *QUARTERLY*, we have not been idle, therefore we are proud to introduce to the fraternity and to the Greek world two desirable young men—R. W. Squires and L. H. Kennedy. Notwithstanding *A T A's* efforts and diligent work, we bagged the game, brought Squires to the "Pen and let the goat loose."

Nearly all the boys attended a drama, "The High Tide," written by F. P. Weedon, of Xi, and produced at the Grand Opera House, in Minneapolis, on the eleventh inst. It was pronounced a success, and enjoyed greatly.

During the college year, now drawing to a close, fraternity spirit has been running high. The strife was by no means small when the time came for the election of suitable editors for the *Ariel*, our college paper. Notwithstanding the wire-pulling among the voters, it resulted in the election of editors that are worthy of the position to which they have been chosen by their fellow-students. The "Barbs" succeeded in electing two men, the  $\Phi \Psi$ 's two, the two sororities, *A I* and *K A \Theta*, each succeeded in electing one representative. *A \Sigma* came in for her share of the honors, as the Board selected Bro. Hoyt Business Manager.

The Inter-Collegiate Oratorical Contest was held in this city April 9. The University, Macalester, and Hamline, were each represented by two men. The "U. of M." won first and second places, Macalester College, third.

It is seldom that the Junior Annual Board is selected while Sophomores; nevertheless, the class of '91 has selected the board for the coming year; upon which board E. B. Gardiner will represent us by taking charge of the illustrations. It is expected that the Annual of the



class of '90, will be out by the first of May. The  $\Phi \Psi$ 's tendered a reception to their lady friends and to a representative from each "Frat." during the beginning of the term. Our representative reported it a great success.

Upon the eve of February 6, *K A \Theta*, the oldest of the ladies fraternities, established a chapter at the "U." The sorority is to be congratulated upon the manner in which it entered the University. In a time when the joy of one's heart is creating a disturbance within, dethroning the inner man, thus closing the way to a person's vocabulary, he scarcely knows which way to turn or what to say. This was the condition in which the Board of Regents, Faculty and students found themselves when Ex-Gov. Pillsbury presented the University with \$150,000. At a time when the State appropriated only \$100,000 to the college, the noble J. S. Pillsbury stepped forth and gave to the institution all that it asked.

Not long since Bro. Hardy, of Alpha Epsilon, and Bro. Ritchie, an alumnus of Beta, made us a visit.

#### ALPHA IOTA—ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

As the end of another college year approaches, Alpha Iota hastens to send her greetings to her sister chapters. As we cast our eye back over the pages of the past few months, and retrospect our doings for the past year (excuse this, I assure you I am not writing a valedictory or an editorial in a college journal), a lurking suspicion comes springing up in our minds that we have not done as much in a material way for our chapter as we might have done; yet I don't think we have been lax, for on the whole the chapter has received a fair share of honors and glory. Alpha Iota *mirabile dictu* has been working up a reputation in class room work, and has done more in that line this year than she has done for some time previous; but yet, it is a good thing for the chapter, for she has the especial commendation and good will of the faculty, and should she in some heated

moment overstep the bounds of propriety, it would probably have a mitigating influence on the result, not that we are expecting anything of the kind, but we sincerely hope no calamity will occur. We have had a long struggle in one of the societies, with a combine of the *Phis* and *Phi Gams*, with regard to the supremacy in the Oratorical Association, but thanks to our lady friends and the coöperation of the *Barbs*, we have been successful in meeting every move, and check-mating their entire game, and even heard their leader remark that he was tired of this foolishness which, however, would not have been foolishness for us, had they been successful.

E. D. Henry has come in this term to graduate in company with S. P. Hanna.

The I. W. U. has received a new impetus of late, and by means of a donation, she has added a new laboratory, which will vie with any laboratory of its size in the west for conveniences. The silky wool of our esteemed Angora has grown long this winter from inaction, as we have only initiated one man this year.

The *Barbs* here in the "Elite (?) Society" are striving to gain the ascendancy. They had a celebration and banquet a few weeks ago, inviting the majority of Greek girls; but I am glad to write that every Frat girl in the Institution was true to the principles of Greekdom.

In conclusion, I think our work has been fairly successful, but the members should be urged to greater exertion and interest in enlarging our chapter next year; also there is a thing which has been an injury to us, that is with reference to public opinion as to the severity of our initiations; it is part of us, when we have done anything, which we regard as pretty smart, or get up something new in initiations, to impart it to others. The fame of our initiations has been disseminated through the college, is regarded as one of our characteristics, and has been used against us by the other factions; remember I am not in favor of namby pamby milksop initiations, but they should be

guarded with more care and never made the subject of boast.

With this I close the chapter letter, and should any Sigs from the other chapters happen to be in the city of Bloomington, we will do our best to give them a hearty welcome.

#### ALPHA LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

The beautiful spring weather finds *A A* in a pretty crippled condition as far as quorums are concerned, it being quite difficult to find eight sound Sigs in the chapter. Mumps and measles took a notion to be numbered among the board of visitors, and proceeded to make a thorough inspection of the University as a whole, and *A A* in particular. No less than half the chapter were afflicted in the last two weeks either with mumps, measles, neuralgia, catarrhal fever, or with sprained ankles, while to cap the climax, Bro. Warren came down this week with the Dutch measles, and Bro. Slichter, our *frater in facultate*, with the mumps.

At the end of last term, Bro. Buttrick, '91, was obliged to leave us to shut himself up in a small lumber town in the northern part of Wisconsin, to take care of his father's business there. He may possibly return to us next fall, but I am afraid we are living too much upon hope. He was to have delivered the oration at the Sophomore public exhibition of Adelpia Literary Society, and would have done himself credit without doubt.

May 4, the *A A* expects to storm *A Z* with full forces. The U. W. nine plays in Beloit that day, and so *A A* and *A Z* play their second annual ball game the same day. We held great hopes of retrieving ourselves from last year's defeat, but they have been sadly shattered. Bro. Buttrick's departure took away our first baseman; and now Bro. Dexter, our left fielder, is laid up with a sprained ankle, which will not be strong enough to warrant him to play ball next Saturday. *A Z* is a strong combination of ball players,

while but nine of *A A* can catch a ball without breaking a finger or smashing a nose; two of these being wanting, you can partly excuse our expected defeat.

Tennis has grown to be almost as fatal a disease as mumps. Everybody plays it, or plays at it. All *A A* can handle the racket, some being quite expert, and some being semi-expert, so if not victors on the diamond, we have some hope left still of beating *A Z* in something. Our inter-fraternity party came off March 1, and was a great success in every respect. Many alumni returned to participate, among them Bros. Johnson and Pittman, both '88. By the way, Bros. Morrison, Durand and Warren received undue credit in the March *Bulletin* in regard to "dancing at eight fifteen"—a custom which has prevailed for several years.

Leat followed hard upon the "fraternity," and has just closed, so society has been real quiet, and has just begun to revive. April 27, *A A* gave a very informal card and dancing party at the rooms. These we find are more enjoyable than more elaborate companies, so we have them quite often instead of a formal party once in a long time. We were glad to meet Bro. Ballard, of *Θ Θ*, with the University of Michigan Glee Club last week. We found him one of a most delightful, gentlemanly, crowd, which carried Madison by storm, so that nothing but U. of M. songs are heard now.

The "Badger" of '90 appeared the first of the term, and is quite a credit to the class. '91 soon after proceeded to freeze out the frats in the election of their "Badger" board.

The spring rush has begun in full force. We have several men on the string, and have great hopes of getting them.

Chapter houses are the rage just now. We are working actively for one with a considerable degree of success. I have endeavored to follow the advice to associate editors in the last *Bulletin*, and if I have fallen very far short of the Grand Tribune's ideal, I hope I shall be forgiven, and be allowed to "try, try again."

## ALPHA PI—ALBION COLLEGE.

It is with a feeling of satisfaction in the work done by our chapter during the last term, that I take upon myself the pleasant duty of greeting our sister chapters with the usual letter to the QUARTERLY. Alpha Pi takes pleasure in introducing to the Greek world her last initiates, viz., Roy Miller, Samuel Schultz, A. L. Landon, and S. C. Eslow, all true, hardy Michigan boys, and of the material that good "Sigs" are made. They admit the way to Hellas *via*  $\Sigma X$ , is a pretty rough road, but all agree they are thankful they took the trip by that route. Bro. Burnham came down to help with his old time energy, and went home feeling a year younger, despite the fact he lost a night's sleep. The securing of the last two named members was another victory gained over our rivals, the  $\Delta T \Delta$ 's, the third one of the kind this year. With these and Wm. Mitchell, who has entered college again after three years absence, our membership is now seventeen, the largest active membership we have had since '86, the year our chapter was founded. Our chapter never was so prosperous or enjoyed the hearty co-operation of its alumni so much as at present. The building of a chapel hall that we have set on foot, and which was announced to you in the March QUARTERLY, has met with the hearty approval of our alumni, and they have signified their approval in a right royal way—by every one of them "coming down" with his assessment. The chapter is very enthusiastic over the project, and are in hopes to have it ready for occupancy by commencement. It is going to require some sacrifices upon our part, and means lots of good work; but "where there's a will there's a way," and, as we think we possess both, we feel perfectly equal to the emergency.

There is not much to be said about fraternity matters in general, as the winter term is usually quiet with us; however, I can say there is a good, strong, healthy rivalry existing between us and our sister fraternity, so we are always on the alert, and go into every fray with the highest

respect and regard for the ability of our rivals, thus spurred on to do our best in everything, and carry the white cross to the front and victory.

As usual, we enjoy our share of the honors conferred by the societies and students. Bro. Ray will represent us in the Erosophean Society Exhibition at commencement time; Bro. Critchett is Local Editor of the *Pleiad*; Bro. Eslow, Base Ball Manager; Bro. Landon, Foot Ball Manager. We also have a good prestige in "college politics."

In athletics our college stands at the head of the colleges of the State, barring U. of M. Of the four colleges entered on the Inter-Collegiate Athletic Association field day last year, we won one-third of the prizes awarded to contestants. Alpha Pi succeeded in getting six, four being "first." This year, we think we are in good condition to win more, and will go into the field day in June with fair prospects for success.

Albion College is having a boom. It is steadily increasing in popularity, our enrollment this year being over five hundred, more than any previous year. Every department is full, and doing good work. With a large and fast increasing endowment we expect, in the near future to have some of the finest college buildings in the State.

During the last term we have been fortunate enough to have some of our alumni with us in our meetings. Of all the fellows in the world to give a chapter a good warming up, and get them thoroughly aroused, it's a good, whole-souled, royal Sigma Chi alumnus, and I am proud to say, that all we have are just such fellows.

We are in receipt of the kind invitation of Gamma, to attend the Convention of the Third Province at Delaware, Ohio, April 26 and 27, but I regret to say it will be impossible for us to be represented, though we will be there in spirit, and send our best wishes for the success of the Convention, as we do to all our sister chapters in their undertakings, and extend a cordial invitation of welcome to all "Sigs" coming our way, to give us a call.

## Personalia.

HARRY LAWS—Zeta Psi, '84—is in Los Angeles, Cal.

CHAUNCEY BUTLER—Rho, '69—is a manufacturer at Liberty, Ind.

CALVIN R. UNGER—Theta, '88—is practicing law in Ellsworth, Kansas.

W. W. NORMAN—Lambda, '85—is now in Germany, pursuing his specialty.

C. M. BLISS—Alpha Zeta, '85—is one of Denver's rising young attorneys.

C. F. PAGE—Alpha Zeta, '88—is hard at work on Blackstone, at Crookston, Minn.

E. AMBLER HARPER—Zeta Psi, '82—is Assistant City Engineer at Topeka, Kas.

REV. T. E. CLAPP—Kappa, '65—is Pastor of a Baptist Church at Portland, Oregon.

CHARLES MERRILL—Rho, '82—has returned from a several months' journey abroad.

EDWARD MUHLBERG—Zeta Psi, '84—has a prosperous drug business in Cincinnati.

REV. FRANK M. GIBSON—Omicron, '77—is Rector of Grace Church at Elk Ridge, Maryland.

I. J. SMITH—Zeta Psi, '89—has been made chemist to the Globe Soap Co., at Cincinnati.

WILL F. ELLIOTT—Rho, '80—sails May 29 for Europe, where he will travel during the summer.

JAS. A. MILLER—Alpha Eta, '83—is Editor of the Fort Smith *Daily Journal*, at Fort Smith, Ark.

A. B. NORTHPROP—Alpha Zeta, '87—is Manager of the W. A. Porter Furniture Co., of Racine, Wis.

B. O. SQUIER—Gamma, '83—is now Reporter on the local staff of the *Toledo Blade*, at Toledo, Ohio.

FRANK M. LEONARD—Alpha Eta, '88—is City Editor of the *Butte Inter-Mountain*, at Butte City, Montana.

JAS. S. THOMPSON—Rho, '91—was married recently to Miss Lucy Mutz, of his home, Edinburg, Indiana.

BENJ. A. STOCKARD—Eta, '81—is a Merchandise and Real Estate Broker at Chattanooga, Tenn. He is a member of the firm of Evans & Stockard, located in Room 1, Loveman Block.

REV. MICHAEL COLVER—Theta, '63—has lately assumed the pastorate of the Lutheran Church at Lena, Ill.

ROMEO JOHNSON—Rho, '78—has been appointed Private Secretary to Hon. John C. New, Consul General to London.

GEO. B. PETERS, JR.—Zeta, '70—who is now practicing law in Memphis, Tenn., is Attorney General of Shelby County.

WALLACE WOOD—Eta, '69—is Traveling Freight and Passenger Agent for the Texas Pacific R. R. Co., at Denver, Col.

O. M. HOGE—Alpha Gamma, '86—has been nominated for County Surveyor by the Republicans of Guernsey County, O.

D. R. WILLIAMS—Alpha Zeta, '90—was compelled, on account of sickness, to leave school this term, but will return in the fall.

H. T. GUTHRIDGE—Lambda, '87—is now in Colorado, Chief of the Corps of Engineers of the Denver and Rio Grande Railway.

W. H. ROGERS—Alpha Zeta, '86—was promoted to the position of night editor of the *Minneapolis Tribune*, about the first of this year.

ARTHUR W. EVANS—Kappa, '84—is Private Secretary to the Purchasing Agent of the Denver and Rio Grande R. R. Co., at Denver, Colorado.

FRED F. NORCROSS—Alpha Zeta, '87—will take another year at the Harvard Law School. Fred thinks Harvard is the only place to study law.

ROBERT S. McCORMICK—Psi, '70—has been appointed Second Secretary of Legation at London, England, in place of Charles Phelps, resigned.

A. M. CHAMBERLIN—Rho, '84—has been elected to the Chair of Latin, at Christian University, located at Lincoln, Neb., with considerable endowment.

WILLET E. McMILLAN—Theta Theta, '86—has been given the contract for the construction of a water works system at Seymour, Ind., to cost \$100,000.

GEO. R. TWISS—Alpha Gamma, '85—who is now Teacher of Physics and Chemistry in the Youngstown, O., High School, rejoiced on March 8, 1889, at the advent into his family of a daughter, who has been named Alice Gladden Twiss.

PAUL F. WALKER—Zeta Psi, '86—Author of the article on "Mexican Students," in the last SIGMA CHI QUARTERLY, is at Monterey, Mexico.

E. S. BUTTRICK—Alpha Lambda, '91—can be found in the famous town of Stetsonville, in the northern wilderness of Wisconsin, attending to his father's lumber business.

FRANK PITTMAN—Alpha Lambda, '88—passed the State Board of Pharmacy examination the last of March; so now he is a full fledged pharmacist. He receives his diploma from the University of Wisconsin this June.

We acknowledge the receipt of the First Annual Report of the Health Department of Fort Worth, Texas. DR. J. L. COOPER—Tau, '88—is the author, *ex-officio*, being Health Officer of Fort Worth.

DR. WM. F. DREWRY—Gamma Gamma, '81—has been elected recently for the third term, Physician to the Central Lunatic Asylum, located at Petersburg, Va.

HON. JOS. W. BUCHANAN—Eta, '60—resigned a Circuit Judgeship at Okalona, Miss., in 1887, to accept the Attorneyship of the Kansas City, Memphis and Birmingham R. R. Co., with offices at Memphis, Tenn.

JOHN B. CHILDE—Mu and Theta Theta—visited Chicago recently on his return from a business trip to the Indian Territory. He is now practicing law in Cincinnati, with Perry and Jenney, S. W. corner of Fifth and Walnut Sts.

The *Chicago Tribune* says of JOHN H. HAMLINE—Omega, '75—"Many of the retiring aldermen will be sorely missed in the Council by the tax payers. Alderman Hamline, capable, aggressively honest, radical and rasping, was the terror of bootleggers and the friend of honest people."

HOWARD BREEN, one of the charter members of Zeta Psi, has been married to Miss Eleanor Oskamp, a graduate of the University of Cincinnati, in the class of '87.

The *Philadelphia Press*, of April 20, speaks thus of a celebrated work of Rufus E. Shapley—Omicron, '60:

RUFUS E. SHAPLEY's brilliant satire, "Solid for Mulhooly," has been reprinted in a new edition, with a number of original illustrations by THOMAS NAST. When first published, several years ago, this book attained a widespread reputation, and large editions were quickly exhausted, although it was copied almost in full in many of the newspapers of the country. It has been out of print for some time, but the demand for it has never ceased, and it is likely to have a permanent place in our satirical literature.

W. A. KNAPP—Alpha Zeta, '84—is now located at 812 Dearborn St., Chicago, having removed from Beloit. He is, however, a frequent and welcome caller on A Z.

HARRY S. NEW—Rho, '80—has been Chief Editor of the Indianapolis *Journal* since Mr. E. J. Halford resigned that position to accept the office of Private Secretary to General Harrison.

R. E. JAMES—Phi, '79—and WM. B. MYERS—Phi, '82—have been elected President and Vice-President, respectively, of the Lehigh Valley Lafayette College Alumni Association.

REV. THOS. M. SHANAFELT—Kappa, '63 has removed from East Saginaw, Mich., and now resides at Huron, South Dakota. He is Superintendent of Missions for South Dakota.

JOHN A. HENRY—Gamma, '68—and EDWARD L. STEWART—Gamma, '79—have removed their law offices in Chicago, to the lately completed "Tacoma" office building.

REV. WALLACE RADCLIFFE—Iota, '63—Pastor of the Fort Street Presbyterian Church in Detroit, Michigan, is President of the Tappan Presbyterian Hall of the University of Michigan, and Lecturer on Applied Christianity for the Hall.

EUGENE EMLY—Kappa, '77—was elected a member of the New Jersey Legislature in 1887, and served one term—declining a re-election. He is practicing law at 119 Washington Street, Paterson, N. J.

JOS. C. BLOODGOOD—Alpha Lambda, '88—has just completed his first year in the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania, and has returned to his home in Milwaukee, Wis., for the vacation.

We clip this item concerning REV. M. H. MENDENHALL—Phi, '74—from a Fort Wayne, Ind., paper:

Rev. M. H. Mendenhall, remembered as a former pastor of the Third Presbyterian Church, of this city, has entered journalism at Grand Forks, Dakota. Here is what the *McLane County (Dak.) Mail* says of his embarkation into journalism and his exit from the pulpit: "Rev. M. H. Mendenhall preached his farewell sermon at the Presbyterian Church at Grand Forks. He took charge of the Presbyterian Church five years ago, and built it up from seventy-five to over 300 members, and made it the most important Presbyterian Church in North Dakota. Speaking of health, he said: 'While I have grown stronger my voice has grown more troublesome, as it did twelve years ago, when I was obliged to rest for several months from pulpit duty. Necessity compelled me to cease from preaching for a time, at least, and a change was made to journalism. I could not be idle.' At the evening service he presented the chapel and three lots east of Grand Forks, to the Church for Church purposes, in memory of his wife."

**HENRY WALLACE**—Iota, '59—who was compelled to leave the Presbyterian Ministry in 1877, on account of ill health, is now Editor of the *Homestead*, at Des Moines, Iowa.

**REV. JAS. A. RITCHEY**—Iota, '59—re-signed the presidency of Lenox College, Hopkinton, Iowa, last year, and is now Pastor of the Presbyterian Church of West Milledale, Pa.

**GEORGE P. MERRICK**—Omega, '84—formed a law partnership with Elbridge Haney, April 15, 1889. The firm are located at 108 Dearborn St., Chicago.

**THEODORE W. NOYES**—Epsilon, '77—was elected County Judge of Minnehaha County, Dakota, prospective of the admission of the territory.

**WALTER N. SUIT**—Rho, '87—is a law partner at Frankfort, Ind., with his father, Joseph C. Suit, Ex-Judge of the 45th Judicial Circuit of Indiana.

**LUCIUS M. COTHEBERT**—Epsilon, '76—is Attorney for the Colorado Midland Railway, and for the Pullman Palace Car Companies, at Denver, Colorado.

**DR. EDMOND P. LOWE**—Eta, '81—was appointed U. S. Physician and Surgeon to the Southern Ute Indians in 1887, and is stationed at Ignacio, Col.

**WM. C. BASKIN**, who was a Charter Member of Sigma Chapter (La Grange, Synodical College, Tenn.), and later a member of Pi Chapter (Erskine College, S. C.), is now a merchant in Tupelo, Miss.

**CHARLES NIXON**—Alpha Kappa, '86—was re-elected Clerk of Eaton County, Mich., last fall by doubling his previous majority.

**HENRY F. REESE**—Pi, '88—was Chairman of the Committee on Credentials at the National Convention of Democratic League Clubs last year. He is now practicing law in Washington, D. C.

**LEMUEL G. DAFOR**—Theta Theta, '84—is the subject of a sketch in the *Evening News* of March 23, 1889, from which we make an extract:

At that institution [University of Michigan] he was one of 21 students examined in open court, and one of the three who stood the test of a two and a half days' examination. That entitled him to a shingle, and he hung it out at Alpena, J. D. Turnbull taking him in as a partner. The young man likes to dive into politics, and it can be said that he pulls a strong oar at it. Once he was elected Prosecuting Attorney, but the next time the people retired him because he enforced the law too strictly. Last fall he was again nominated, but private interests caused him to decline, although the convention went for him unanimously. As a collector of debts he shines like a gold eagle, and as a wielder of republican influence, ditto.

**GEO. F. LULL**—Alpha Theta, '84—is Chemist for the Penobscot Chemical Fibre Co., West Great Works, Maine.

**PROF. WM. A. SMITH**—Psi, '67—is now Professor of Moral Philosophy in Columbia Athenaeum, Columbia, Tenn. He is President of the Tennessee Teacher's Association.

**WM. H. JONES**—Psi, '85—is City Attorney of Petersburg, Va.

**WM. A. HARPER**—Psi, '84—is a publisher in the well known firm of Harper and Bros., Franklin Square, New York City.

**DR. F. M. URQUHART**—Psi, '78—is Medical Officer in charge of the U. S. Quarantine Station at Cape Charles, Va., on the steamship "Woodworth."

**REV. THOMAS CUMMINS**—Sigma Sigma, '79—is Pastor of the Vicksburg Presbyterian Church, at Vicksburg, Miss.

**G. HILDEMAN WILSON**—Sigma Sigma, '79—is now teaching at Montgomery, Ala.

**EDWARD C. EDMUNDS**—Sigma Sigma, '76—is a member of the firm of Edmunds and Gilmer, Dealers in Leaf Tobacco at Winston, N. C.

**REV. E. W. SMITH**—Sigma Sigma '84—is now Pastor of a Presbyterian Church at Greensboro, N. C.

**ABRAM C. READ**—Sigma Sigma, '88—is in the wholesale mercantile house of Read and Co., 25 Pearl Street, New York City.

**HAMILTON S. WICKS**—Omega, '71—is Editor of the Kansas City (Mo.) *Commercial*.

**WM. M. KNOX**—Omega, '74—has been engaged by the *New York Herald* publishers to proceed to London, England, and assume journalistic work on their issues in that city.

**CLARENCE R. PAUL**—Omega, '78—recently Private Secretary to Senator Cullum, has been elected Managing Editor of the *State Journal*, at Springfield, Ill.

**RAYMOND V. De GROFF**—Omega, '81—is now Principal of the Schools of Fulton, Ill.

**WILLIAM WIRT HENRY**—Sigma Sigma, '77—Psi, '78—is now in the real estate business at Duluth, Minn.

**JOS. A. SCOTT**—Chi Chi, '84—has been farming for more than a year past, at Elmore, Ala.

**REV. A. W. MCGAHA**—Pi, '81—is Pastor of the Central Baptist Church, at Chattanooga, Tenn.

**JOHN D. YERBY**—Chi Chi, '79—is Principal of the Boys' Senior Grammar Department of the Public Schools of Mobile, Alabama.

**GRAND CONSUL FRANK M. ELLIOT**—Omega, '77—was elected recently one of three trustees of Chicago's suburb—Evanston, Ill. It is needless to say that he led the ticket.

**WM. B. THOMAS**—Zeta Zeta, '81—has been a wholesale dealer in queensware at Maysville, Ky., for a year past.

**FRANK L. WINN**—Zeta Zeta, '88—who is Second Lieutenant in the First U. S. Infantry, is stationed on Angel Island, in the harbor of San Francisco, Cal.

**JAS. B. LOBDELL**—Tau, '79—is a sugar planter at Baton Rouge, La.

**REV. JESSE H. EDWARDS**—Epsilon, '78—left his charge at Oxford, Miss., early this year, and assumed the pastorate of the Baptist Church of Cheraw, S. C.

**HON. FRANK FULLER**—Epsilon, '76—who is now practicing law at Wayne, Neb., is a member of the State Senate.

**ROBT. D. COLE, JR.**—Delta, '74—is now Superintendent and part owner of the R. D. Cole Manufacturing Company at Newnan, Ga.

**NOBLE B. JUDAH**—Lambda, '69—is a member of the law firm of Dupee, Judah and Willard, Adams Express Building, Chicago.

**BEN F. STRADER**—Chi, '79—has removed from Wichita, Kas., to Tacoma, Washington Territory.

**R. B. BERRYHILL**—Alpha Eta, '86—is Cashier of the Platt Coal Company at Joliet, Ill.

**E. R. McNEILL**—Alpha Eta, '88—is Assistant Engineer in a government party on the Missouri River. His permanent address is Garden Grove, Iowa.

**J. LINCOLN McCLOUD**—Alpha Eta, '85—is practicing law in Omaha, Neb., in the First National Bank Building. Firm—Till and McCloud.

**FRED. TERRY**—Alpha Eta, '86—is a member of the firm of A. E. Greenwood and Co., Chattel Loan Brokers, Room 1, Cunningham Block, Omaha, Neb.

**A. M. FREAS**—Kappa, '85—is Principal of the Berwick, Pa., Public Schools. He has chosen the law as a profession.

**E. H. EDDY** and **E. A. PIERCE**—Alpha Epsilon, '87—have completed their second year of medical study in Chicago, and will soon return to their homes in Lincoln, Neb., for the vacation.

**DON L. CLARK**—Alpha Epsilon, '84—is a ranchman at Woodville, Neb.

**DUDLEY T. LYALL**—Alpha Delta, '88—is engaged with his father in the Chelsea Jute Mills in New York City, and the Planet Mills in Brooklyn.

**WM. W. SCHENCK**—Alpha Delta, '88—is Manager of the Westminster Hotel in New York City.

**ALBERT W. MAYERS**—Gamma, '84—of Millersburg, O., visited Chicago on a business trip recently.

**ARTHUR T. WELLES**—Kappa, '87—has been promoted from the position of Foreman to that of Superintendent of the Cable Department of the Western Electric Company. He is now living in New York City.

**JOHN H. MCCORTNEY**—Phi, '85—now has charge of the South Side Agency of the Real Estate firm of E. A. Cummings and Co., Chicago.

**THOMAS FISHER**—Phi, '88—is located at Horatio, Pa., as Chemist to the Punxsutawney Coal and Coke Company.

**JOHN IRWIN, Esq.**—Iota, '70—who is now a merchant at Circleville, Pa., has been in every State and Territory of the United States—in Canada, Mexico and Central America, and expects to go to Europe this summer, and perhaps make a tour around the world.

**HON. R. S. ROBERTSON**—Lambda, '76—was appointed Commissioner of Registration and Election in Utah Territory, by President Harrison, May 10, 1889.

**W. H. McSURELY**—Beta, '87—was admitted to the bar of Chicago at the last examination of candidates. He is with Norton, Burley and Howell, Opera House Block.

**W. R. BLISS**—Kappa, '74—now a lawyer in Chester, Pa., was elected to the Pennsylvania Legislature last fall.

## SPECIAL NOTICE.

DURING the present college year the Fraternity has been trying a very important experiment. For eight years we have been publishing *THE QUARTERLY* for the purpose of interesting our active and our alumni members in the Fraternity, and keeping them posted about its work. Unfortunately, however, only a few hundred of our alumni have subscribed for it; and it has largely failed to accomplish what it ought to have done, because it has failed to reach the great body of our members. Consequently, this year, it was decided to try an experiment. We have published over three thousand copies of the three issues of the current volume, and have mailed *THE QUARTERLY* to *each and every* member of the Fraternity whose correct address we have, without regard to whether he has been a subscriber heretofore or not. It has been an expensive experiment, but Sigma Chi must reach its scattered members. We hope that *THE QUARTERLY* has been a welcome visitor. No one who has not been a subscriber is under obligation to pay for it unless he so desires; but we have sent the magazine in the hope that each one who has received it would be willing to pay the small amount for this volume and would become a regular subscriber hereafter. The subscription price is one dollar and a half (\$1.50). By paying it you will enable us to meet the expense of publishing *THE QUARTERLY*; and if there should be any surplus over actual expenses, it will go into the general fraternity treasury, to be used in furthering the interests of Sigma Chi. Every member ought to be willing to make this small contribution to the cause of the old Fraternity.

There are a great many matters of interest, relating to the internal affairs of the Fraternity, which it has never been desirable to present in a public magazine; and two years ago *THE BULLETIN* was started as a strictly *private* monthly newspaper. It is mailed under seal, and contains full accounts of all that is going on inside the Fraternity. All subscribers to *THE QUARTERLY* are entitled to receive *THE BULLETIN* free on application.

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## SIGMA CHI IN THE "OLD NORTH STATE."

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As is known to the readers of the *Sigma Chi Bulletin*, after a due amount of precaution on the part of our Grand Council, a charter has been granted to the petitioners from the University of North Carolina, located at Chapel Hill, a village of about 1,000 inhabitants, lying near the center of the State, just midway between Raleigh, its capital, and Greensboro, one of its largest cities. It is, perhaps, by nature the prettiest village in the State, the site having been selected because of its beautiful undulations of surface and its magnificent forests. The village occupies a part of the eleven hundred and eighty acres originally granted to the University, and was laid off in 1793, in conjunction with the erection of the first university building. The campus consists of about fifty acres, so covered with old oaks, hickories, and other staples of the forest, as to hide the buildings from the rest of the village. The buildings are ten in number, comprising extensive dormitories, a well-equipped gymnasium, an auditorium having a seating capacity of 2,500, besides the other usual buildings for collegiate purposes.

The University is sustained by an annual appropriation of \$27,500 from the State treasury. The total value of its land and buildings is estimated at over \$350,000. The influence of the University upon the State has been so marked that further liberality is to be expected of the legislature. Among its alumni who became prominent in the State and Nation, may be mentioned, James K. Polk, John Y. Mason, Thomas H. Benton, Judges Pearson and Dick, and Bishops Green and Hawks. The main feature of the University is the Academic Department. The Law Department is the only professional school, and in 1887-8 contained but 26 out of the 203 students. There is only one other regularly organized law school in the State.

The act which originally incorporated the University was passed in 1789; so that it is upon the threshold of its second century and amid the celebrations attending the completion of its first, that Sigma

Chi enters this educational stronghold of the "Old North State." The men to whom the honor of the fraternity has been entrusted are: H. F. Murphy, of Burgaw, N. C., Wm. B. Ricks, of Nashville, N. C., Neill A. Currie, of Clarkton, N. C., Frank M. Shannonhouse, of Charlotte, N. C., Richard A. Urquhart, of Isle of Wight County, Va., and Francis M. Clarke, of Hyde County, N. C.

The ceremonies of initiation were performed on May 29 by Frank Talbott, an active member of Gamma Gamma Chapter, who went from Ashland, Va., for that purpose. He was ably supported by Robt. E. Carr, a charter member of the same chapter, now a lawyer of Chapel Hill. After "proceeding down the line with variations" and making the initiatory ceremonies a grand success, the members of the new chapter, now bearing the name of the "Alpha Tau," together with the alumni, proceeded to the Chapel Hill Hotel for the banquet. Representatives from Phi Kappa Sigma, Phi Delta Theta, Alpha Tau Omega, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Pi Kappa Alpha, and Sigma Alpha Epsilon, were present and warmly welcomed the new chapter to a generous rivalry in the University. Though almost half the students are members of the fraternities, the sharp competition necessitated to secure good men seems not to disturb the Pan-Hellenic spirit of the North Carolina Greeks. Besides the words of the members of other fraternities, and of the members of the new chapter, the president of the festal board—Mr. Talbott—was called upon for the toast "Fraternity Life at Randolph-Macon Collège." The morning light was breaking ere the banqueters thought of dispersing, and many a wish was expressed in this dawn of Sigma Chi's history in North Carolina, for a prosperous future to the Alpha Tau.

## A SECOND CHAPTER IN CALIFORNIA.

THE petition for a charter from nine students of the University of Southern California, has been granted by the Grand Council, and the new chapter has been established. The story of the foundation of the chapter can best be told by one of its members, who has sent us this narrative of the organization of our latest—

## ALPHA UPSILON.

Shortly after college opened in the fall of 1888, nine students of the University of Southern California, finding themselves very congenial and recognizing the benefits to be derived from associating themselves together more firmly, and also knowing the aim and scope of college fraternities, decided to take steps towards the establishment of a chapter in the University of Southern California. Perhaps the fact of the existence and successful operation of two young ladies' fraternities, the Kappa Alpha Theta, and the Delta Gamma, in the College of Liberal Arts, may have had a great deal to do with the formulating of this desire upon the part of the boys. The Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, W. S. Matthew, D.D., being a Sigma Chi, and several of the boys being acquainted with alumni members of the same fraternity, they decided that they would like to have a chapter of Sigma Chi established. With this end in view the boys banded themselves together, saw the resident alumni members and obtained from them promises of their support. From this time on no opportunity was let pass to advance the prospects of the granting of a charter. Whenever any communication was received, all the boys were on the "anxious seat" until they had been made aware of its contents; and if it contained anything encouraging it was hard work to keep down their exuberance of spirits, so as not to cause any suspicion to arise in the minds of the other students that a college fraternity was being sought after.

In April, 1889, Chas. A. Noble, from Alpha Beta Chapter at the University of California, came down to look over the ground, and, from the result, must have been satisfied with the petitioners and the University. When the word finally came that a charter had been granted, it was the cause of making royally happy a certain crowd of students. The papers authorizing the organization were received Thursday, June 6; and on Saturday, June 8, the eight following named petitioners: W. C. Whitcomb, Paul Arnold, Elger A. Reed, E. B. Stuart, C. Bradley, T. W. Robinson, E. E. Hall and George Sinsabaugh, met at the Masonic

Hall, in the City of Los Angeles, where the rites of initiation were administered by the following resident members: Freeman G. Teed, of Kappa, Milton Vernon, of old Alpha, Clarence A. Miller, of Beta, N. P. Conrey, of Xi, Orr Haralson, of Pi, W. S. Matthew, of Omega, and W. Wright, of Xi. We had the honor of having with us Bro. Vernon, who was the first member ever initiated into the fraternity by the Alpha Chapter, in 1855.

Alpha Upsilon Chapter was then organized, and the regular officers were elected. The first real business of the chapter was the initiation of two new members, Lloyd B. Christy and George D. Christy, both in the Junior class of the University. After these ceremonies were over all adjourned to a restaurant, where an elaborate banquet had been prepared. Freeman G. Teed was master of ceremonies; and from the time we sat down to the table at 9:45 o'clock, until we arose at 12:15, the time passed so rapidly that we were astonished to find that it was already Sunday morning. N. P. Conrey responded to the toast, "Sigma Chi," giving us at some length the aims and objects of the fraternity; and the advice he gave awakened in us a renewed desire to uphold the true aim of the fraternity. Milton Vernon responded to "The Old Alpha Chapter," giving us a short history of the chapter, the names of the original members, and some interesting personal reminiscences of the same. Orr Haralson responded to "The Ladies of Sigma Chi;" and Clarence A. Miller also gave some very fine suggestions, and opened up the vista of Sigma Chi's true meaning. Dean W. S. Matthew responded to "The University of Southern California," giving a brief sketch of the institution and its future prospects; and "Alpha Upsilon, the baby chapter," was represented by George Sinsabaugh. All parted with best wishes for the new chapter, and the boys are thoroughly in earnest in their desire to make it one of the best in the fraternity.

On Tuesday evening, June 11, we gave a reception to our alumni members, the Faculty of the College of Liberal Arts, and the two ladies' fraternities. We used five rooms in the College of Music building, and had them tastefully decorated with palm leaves, vines and flowers. An excellent orchestra was in attendance, and suitable refreshments were served. The Kappa Alpha Theta and Mrs. M. M. Bovard, the wife of the President of the University, both sent us handsome floral tributes on the occasion. We also had with us, besides the alumni members previously mentioned, Chas. Cassat Davis, of Gamma, and Williel Thomson, of Chi, who were prevented from attending the initiatory exercises. Everything went off very nicely, and from the encomiums we received on every hand, we believe that we are auspiciously launched on the sea of fraternity life in our University.

The following extract from a letter of Freeman G. Teed, the old "war horse of Kappa," now City Auditor of Los Angeles, will be interesting to his many friends in the fraternity, and will add detail to the description of the organization of the new chapter :

\* \* \* \* \* "I secured for them the magnificent hall of the Mystic Shrine, together with all their elaborate paraphernalia, which was used without stint, and I doubt whether any chapter started under more startling auspices. I acted as Demon Presiding, with Clarence A. Miller, of Beta, as Attending Sprite ; and we put them through the ordeal with complete satisfaction to ourselves, and, I trust, to them also. After the initiation of the petitioners, I installed the officers and instituted the chapter ; and they immediately proceeded to business by electing two more good fellows, and initiated them then and there, Whitcomb doing the honors in an admirable manner.

We then adjourned to Ebinger's, a local Delmonico, and had a jolly time at a pleasant little supper. Some very good speeches were made, notably one by Conrey, a thoughtful discourse on the responsibilities of chapter life, and our old friend Haralson, he of Pi. Vernon was a historical figure ; he is the first man ever initiated by the first chapter—old Alpha—and still retains some lively recollections of those long ago days. Letters of regret were received from Bros. French and Rice, of Tau, and Thomson, of Chi. This makes the third or fourth chapter at whose birth I have assisted ; but I will say for these boys that they compare favorably with any I have seen."

THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA is comparatively young, and a few words as to its character and prospects, will justify the ground upon which the Grand Council deemed it worthy of the entrance of the Sigma Chi Fraternity. The University was organized in 1880. The first department to open work was the College of Liberal Arts. The next was the College of Agriculture, opened in 1883. After that came the College of Medicine, organized in 1885, and the College of Theology, organized in 1887 ; while the Departments of Fine Arts and Applied Sciences are now in process of organization. The plan of the University is somewhat different from any other American institution. The several departments, instead of being gathered closely together in one place, are somewhat widely separated. But they are all under one management, and, like the States of the American Union, are but parts of *one* great system.

The growth of the institution has been phenomenal. Starting in 1880, without a student, a dollar of endowment, a professor, or a college building, it now has an endowment in money and lands

estimated at three million dollars, has six first-class college and seminary buildings, employs over fifty professors and instructors, and last year enrolled 447 students. To President M. M. Boyard, D.D., who organized the first department, and who has been the President of the University from the beginning—a man of indomitable energy, large faith and power of organization—to him more than to any other man, or set of men, is due the present success and standing of this institution. But it is only fair to say that he has had the support of a Board of Directors composed of large-minded Christian men. Otherwise such success would have been impossible.

The College of Liberal Arts, as it was the original nucleus, so it still remains the head of the educational system. It has three parallel courses of study, Classical, Philosophical and Scientific. The requirements for admission to college and the character of work done, are very little behind that of our oldest institutions. Up to two years ago this department was under the direct management of Dr. Bovard, President of the University. At that time the Board of Directors wisely decided to relieve the President of the immediate management of this department, thus allowing him to devote his energies to the organization and equipment of *all* departments of the University work. At that time Rev. W. S. Matthew, A. M., D.D., a member of Omega Chapter of Sigma Chi, was elected Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, under whose management it has had continued prosperity and a steady increase in the number of students.

During the past year (1888-9), Hon. E. F. Spence has deeded to the University property in Los Angeles valued at \$75,000, as the beginning of an endowment for a first-class Observatory. Other gifts have already been made, and President Bovard expects, within the next five years, to see a high grade Observatory, well equipped, suitably endowed, and in successful operation on some near peak of the Sierra Madre Mountains. Indeed, through Mr. Alvin Clark, of Cambridge, Mass., a forty-inch object glass has already been purchased of Mons. Mantoï, of Paris. This glass is to be on exhibition at the great Paris Exposition, and will then be shipped to the Clarks, and there ground and mounted for use.

Southern California has every assurance of a grand future. It is a country to itself, practically shut off from the northern portion of the State, and very few men go north to be educated. The University which Sigma Chi has just entered has the field practically to itself. It has already taken high rank, and possesses the enthusiastic support of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which is uncommonly strong in all Southern California, especially as to wealth and social standing. The chapter already has formed its plans for securing a chapter house; and



with Dean Matthew at the head of the College, and the royal Sigs of Los Angeles actively interested in its behalf, Sigma Chi may congratulate herself upon her latest addition.

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## AMONG THE ALUMNI.

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### THE EPSILON ALUMNI CHAPTER.

THE Grand Council has granted a charter to twenty-eight alumni in the city of Washington, D. C., authorizing the establishment of the "Epsilon Alumni Chapter of the Sigma Chi Fraternity." The new chapter was organized March 23, 1889, with the following officers:

President, Reginald Fendall, Epsilon; Vice-President, Robert Farnham, M.D., Epsilon; Historian, William H. Singleton, Epsilon; Secretary-Treasurer, Ruter W. Springer, Omega. The Executive Committee consists of Reginald Fendall, Epsilon; Andrew B. Duvall, Epsilon; Thomas Ewing, Jr., Beta; Robert Farnham, M.D., Epsilon; Ambrose J. Faust, Ph.D., Omicron; Andrew A. Lipscomb, Epsilon; and Ruter W. Springer, Omega. The By-Laws of the chapter are practical and effective, and are printed in a neat and attractive form. They indicate that careful thought has been given to the subject of proper organization, and that Washington Sigs are as business-like as they are enthusiastic. Delegates and visitors to the Sixth Biennial Convention, in 1866, and to the Thirteenth, in 1880, bear ample testimony to the loyalty and hospitality of the Washington members of the fraternity, and this latest act of fealty will not be in the nature of a surprise.

On the alphabetical roll of Charter Members, the first name which appears is a familiar one to members of Theta and to the fraternity at large. It is that of Dr. Geo. N. Acker, who graduated at Pennsylvania College in 1872. He received his "M.D." at Columbian University, in 1874, and at Frederick Wilhelm's Universität, Berlin, Prussia, in 1877. The doctor is now Attending Physician to the Children's Hospital; Demonstrator of Histology and Pathology in the Medical Department of Columbian University, Chief Medical Examiner of the Equitable Life Insurance Society for Washington, etc. He resides at 1403 New York Avenue. The next name on the roll is that of William J. Acker, Theta, '72 (a brother of George N.), who is a dealer in stone, at 410 N. Capitol Street. L. B. Allen, Epsilon, '68, does not permit his residence at Norfolk, Va., to deter him from membership. He has been Commonwealth's Attorney for Norfolk County since 1886. Snowden Ashford, the only representative of Phi Chapter, is a civil engineer, his address being 918 Seventeenth Street, N. W.

Wm. V. Bonic, Jr., Epsilon, '68, is another non-resident, being engaged in the practice of law at Rockville, Md. He is now Mayor of the city, and stands high in the Democratic councils of the Sixth Judicial District of Maryland. Geo. Y. Coffin, Epsilon, '69, is a clerk in the Treasury Department, and also a writer and artist for the daily press. Andrew B. Duvall, Epsilon, '67, who received the first honor of his class, is a successful lawyer. Chas. T. C. Earle, Epsilon, '77, has been Chief-clerk to the Surgeon-General of the Navy since 1884, and is also interested in farming. Thomas Ewing, Jr., Beta, '83, has been Fourth Assistant Examiner of Patents since October, 1888. He resigned a Tutorial Fellowship in Columbia College, New York, at the time of accepting his present position. Rev. William B. Frisby, Epsilon, '76, has been pastor of the Church of the Advent, Boston, since 1888. Reginald Fendall, Epsilon, '64, received first honor at graduation, and in professional and fraternity endeavor has remained at the front ever since. His office is in the Fendall Law Building, the headquarters, also, of the new chapter. Dr. Robert Farnham, a classmate of Bro. Fendall, is a prominent physician of Washington, residing at 1242 Eleventh St., N. W. He was a member of the Ninth International Medical Congress. Ambrose J. Faust, one of the two members whom Omicron furnishes to the new chapter, is a Privat-docent in Georgetown University, a writer well known to readers of *Appleton's Journal*, *The National Review*, and other publications. Robert H. Harkness, Epsilon, '71, is with a Real Estate Title Insurance Company. Linden Kent, Psi, '68-9, was Orator at the Thirteenth Biennial Convention; he is Assistant General Counsel of the Richmond and Danville Rail Road System. Howard Q. Keyworth, Omicron, '64, is also a well known lawyer of Washington. Benjamin G. Lovejoy, Epsilon, '68, who is author of the Lives of Sir Francis Bacon, George Bancroft, *et al.*, in Estes & Lauriat's series of "Authors at Home," is well known in the literary world. He practices law in the Fendall Law Building. Andrew A. Lipscomb, Epsilon, '75, is Assistant U. S. District Attorney for the District of Columbia. Louis Mackall, of Psi during the sessions of 1885-7, is a student of medicine, residing at 3040 Dunbarton Ave. Theodore H. N. McPherson is the only member of Iota in the Epsilon Alumni Chapter. He graduated at Jefferson College, in 1859, and at the Law School of Columbian University, in 1866, and has practiced law in Washington since that time. Dr. Reginald Munson, Beta, '83, is a member of the Medical Staff of the National Homœopathic Hospital at Washington. Theodore W. Noyes, Epsilon, '77, has been Assistant Managing Editor of the *Evening Star*, and was elected County Judge of Minnehaha County, Dakota, prospective of the admission of that State. Henry F. Reese is the only repre-

sentative of Pi Chapter, at Howard College, Marion, Ala. He is an attorney at Law, and has been in the office of the Fourth Auditor of the Treasury since 1885. Chas. F. Rowe, Epsilon, '73, is practicing law; as is Wm. H. Singleton, Epsilon, '75, the latter having made a specialty of patent law since 1880. Ruter W. Springer, Omega, '87, the son of Congressman Springer, of Illinois, has largely assisted in the organization of the Epsilon Alumni, and is the Secretary-Treasurer; he received "LL.B." from Georgetown University this year. Rev. Edmond H. Swem, is from Xi Chapter, Class of 1882. He is pastor of the Second Baptist Church. He has composed a "Sigma Chi Polka Mazurka," and has also compiled "Spurgeon's Gold," and lectured upon various subjects. The last name on the list is that of Samuel H. Walker, a prominent real estate dealer, architect and builder, in Washington. He is an Epsilon man, class of '64; is Manager of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of the District of Columbia, President of the National Capital Investment Company, etc. His offices are in the Walker Building.

The chapter has an unusually able and devoted corps of members, and will prove a worthy precursor of the other alumni chapters soon to be formed. Sigma Chi can feel proud that, in the Capital of the Nation, she has such a representative band of loyal alumni. We expect to hear of a royal banquet as soon as the next meeting of Congress brings back to Washington its quota of distinguished Sigs.

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#### SIGMA CHI IN PHILADELPHIA.

HAD I the time to examine the records and consult some of our Philadelphia Sigs, who were witnesses of many interesting events, I might tell you of old Upsilon, one of our pioneer chapters, founded at the Polytechnic College of the State of Pennsylvania; of her early days, before the constitutional bar to the initiation of honorary members, when she initiated, in 1866, a number of Philadelphia's prominent citizens, among them Hon. Geo. W. Childs, the well-known journalist and philanthropist, who, according to his custom, presented them with a Bible. I might tell you how Upsilon colonized the University of Pennsylvania with Sigs; how this strong child decided that independence was better and sweeter, and founded Phi Phi, against the wishes of its parent; how bright the sun shone after the storm; the death of the parent Upsilon; and how her child waxed strong, and entertained in such excellent style the Convention of '76, whose business session was only marred by that great side show, the Centennial. I might relate in mournful numbers the subsequent ups and downs of Phi Phi—dead and

revived again ; of her two banquets, and of her last initiation of Charles List. Yet this would not be news to you, for the magazine bears record of all these events, and I do not wish to take the wind out of the sails of the coming Catalogue. The impulse that sent me among the Sigs of Philadelphia and gave me the pleasant opportunity of seeing them personally, is shown in the following extract from a letter of our energetic Grand Tribune : "I enclose a list of Upsilon and Phi Phi men, about whom we have not sufficient information ; they are residents of Philadelphia to a considerable number \* \* \* ; you may be willing to see them personally. They have all been written to several times ; so the safest plan is to take a blank, when you call, ask them to fill it, or submit to a cross-questioning, you jotting down the answers. I thought I would have to secure a revolver for our Chicago recreants, but so far have succeeded with the pumping process."

This was my starter ; nor did I need a revolver. Chicago, you see, is still very western ; yet I did meet a little backwardness in regard to the answering of some of those questions. Philadelphia men are modest, and don't like to tell of their college honors, of the fortunes they have made since graduation, the books they have written, their political and social position, nor their politics (unless Republican). Nevertheless, I am under deep obligations to our Grand Tribune for meeting, under such auspicious circumstances, so many agreeable and loyal Sigs ; for in all cases, except one (he may have thought me a book agent), I was treated in a most fraternal manner, and heard a great deal of "old Sigma Chi" that cannot be found in books.

I can think of no better way of telling you of the Philadelphia Sigs, than by taking you with me on my "Catalogue canvassing," first devoting a moment to the Sigs attending the University of Pennsylvania, where Phi Phi used to be. While talking with a Chi Phi from Pennsylvania College, located at Gettysburg, I asked him if he knew any Sigs in the Medical Department ; he said, "Why, yes," and called, "Patrick, come here and greet your brother ;" and that pleasant face, so familiar to the boys of Kappa, greeted me, and, for the first time, I gave the grip to a student of Bucknell. We adjourned to my room to talk Sigma Chi ; and he told me of A. B. Gilliland, of Beta, a second year "Medic," whom I afterwards met in clinic, recognizing his pin, and at whose room I had the pleasure of meeting Prof. Marion M. Miller, of Princeton College, well known to the fraternity by his excellent contributions to *THE QUARTERLY*. We talked seriously of Phi Phi's prospects in the University, and Miller, in good, fraternal spirit, promised to be present at our reunion banquet, should the plan succeed. Later, E. M. Green, of Zeta Zeta, gave me the grip ; he had taken his

first year in medicine at Tulané University, and gave a glowing account of the warm fraternal current among our Gulf Sigs. We few medical Sigs met now and then to exchange fraternity news. There was one other Sig in the University, R. F. Field, a Sophomore in the Collegiate Department, better known to Omicron (of whom he spoke with great enthusiasm), as "Dick" Field. In reference to the prospect for new fraternities in his department, he said it was now too crowded for good material.

During the Christmas holidays I began my Catalogue canvass. Out of thirteen Phi Phi alumni, I was fortunate in meeting eight. Of Upsilon's fifteen alumni, whose addresses were sent me, I met personally only three. I met none of Kappa's eight alumni, but found that they were well looked after by their chapter. I met both of Theta's representatives, and one of Omicron's four, and one from Gamma. This would make forty-three alumni, of whose addresses we are certain, and fifteen I met personally. Armed with a card of introduction from Bro. Patrick, I called on Dr. A. L. Hummel, of Theta, at his publishing office, on Sixteenth Street; he was not a recreant, for he had sent in, some time ago, a note of his birth, graduation, and publications of medical journals. He gave me some interesting accounts of his Sig life, which ought to appear in the "Blue and Gold," properly illustrated. Once, when caught, at night, on a lonely country road in Virginia, he came upon an old country mansion, and decided to try his luck for a night's shelter. A young lady answered his knock, and seeing the White Cross, said, "Come right in; all Sigs are welcome here." On parting, Bro. Hummel urged the re-establishment of Phi Phi, and offered to start a subscription list with fifty dollars, and to supply the Hall with medical magazines. Such an offer should not be left unseconded by the many other generous Sigs in Philadelphia. The other representative of Theta, whom I enjoyed meeting, was John Fahnestock. Theta is to be congratulated on her alumni. Among the lawyers of Phi Phi—and she has several—I was fortunate in meeting Duncan L. Busby and B. Gordon Bromley. The former told me all about Phi Phi; her two banquets, both well attended; Dwight M. Lowrey, of Gamma, being toast-master of the first, and he of the second. I called there several times, and we laid plans for a reunion banquet, which could very easily be made a successful annual gathering of Philadelphia Sigma Chis. It simply needs two or three energetic and enthusiastic Sigs to start the ball rolling. Bro. Bromley stopped his work, "packing Blackstones," for he was busy moving into the new Drexel building, to fill his blank—almost too modestly.

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Among the Sigs who supply coal and iron to our western industries was Samuel Heilner, who greeted me warmly; as did also Odgen Armstrong, Grand Consul of the Convention of 1876. He gladly filled a Catalogue blank, and said that "A Sharp, Doctor" had his subscription for the "Coming Eclipse." Bro. W. B. Abbey, who seems to know all the Sigs in Philadelphia, told me how Phi Phi won her independence. He took me about the city, looking for Sigs. I met Dwight M. Lowrey, of Gamma, and also Frank Stuart, '78, of Phi Phi, in Merchants National Bank, who accepted the Catalogue blank with thanks, and is silent still. Dr. Lewis Zeigler, at Wills Hospital, was one of those prompt men, and had, long ago, cheerfully answered the Catalogue's just requests; he was well up in Sigma Chi affairs, and gave me a number of personals—just what THE QUARTERLY wanted. Of Upsilon, I gave Bro. Charles S. Thompson the grip and a blank, as I met him superintending the moving to his first home; he was a happy groom, and a few days after a letter proved his loyalty. Harry C. Townsend, President of the Logan Iron and Steel Company, had not heard much of Sigma Chi for years, but he remembered all the boys who wore the White Cross with him at the old Polytechnic, and gave me a number of names the "Vigilance Committee" had failed to find. Alfred Tucker, of Campbell, Tucker & Co., Coal Merchants, I fear, took me for a book agent. Rufus E. Shapley, an alumnus of Omicron, well known by his famous satire—"Solid for Mulhooley"—was writing a brief to take to Washington. Thus, you see, that Sigma Chi in Philadelphia is largely represented among the younger men, in law, medicine and business. They have not been long out of college, the oldest not more than fifteen years; therefore, their enthusiasm for Sigma Chi and their ambition for her prosperity, should still be warm and vigorous, and I trust that, in the near future, they will unite in some organization for their own social enjoyment and for Sigma Chi's welfare.

Just as the growth and prosperity of an educational institution largely depend on the active interest of its alumni, so also does the future of Sigma Chi lie largely in the hands of her members, who have left the halls of collegiate fun and frolic to enter the university of the world. In a great city like Philadelphia, only chance brings together members of the same fraternity. At some evening entertainment, on the crowded street, or in the vicissitudes of business, two souls with so much in common and with minds so differently occupied, may chance to meet; and all who have enjoyed this sensation, know the delight it gives the spirit, and the relief it gives the over-burdened mind. If this is true, why do our alumni in great cities leave these happy meetings to chance?

Jos. C. BLOODGOOD, *Alpha Lambda*, '88.

## SIGMA CHI IN KANSAS CITY.

"Go West, young man; go West!" were the words of wisdom uttered years ago to an energetic youngster eager for fortune's favor. Whether this advice was given to a Sig, the deponent saith not; but, in the absence of any evidence to the contrary, it is only fair to suppose that it was. At any rate Sigs by scores have drifted in the direction indicated by the gentleman from New York, and in the course of their migration many of them landed in this metropolis of the West—this "second Chicago." Of these some tarry with us for a season, and then "fold their tents as the Arabs and silently steal away." Upwards of forty still remain, and on us Dame Fortune is bestowing smiles varying in intensity from a sickly, sarcastic grin to that dizzy, beatific gush she occasionally drops on her favorites." Kansas City Sigs are busy Sigs—in fact, they are "hustlers"—but I have yet to know of one who was ever so busy that he was not glad to stop for a minute to greet a wearer of the White Cross, and entertain the memories that come trooping back with the pressure of that old grip. Our men here are loyal. Nowhere will a more enthusiastic body of alumni be found than here; and that, too, it must be remembered, in the face of the fact that we are far removed from the seat of fraternity government and the additional interest which a closer relation brings. Our brothers from Lawrence, where the University of Kansas is located, smile on us occasionally, but beyond that chapter we seldom see an active member. There is nothing that tends so strongly to keep up fraternity interest among alumni as the frequent meeting of active members, and an intimate acquaintance with them. Two or three times a movement has been made towards organizing an alumni chapter here, but various circumstances have each time interfered to defeat the plan. Aside from several fairly well attended meetings, and a projected banquet, which was abandoned in the eleventh hour, nothing has resulted. Another effort is now being made with every prospect of having a well attended social meeting soon, at which we hope to take the necessary steps towards forming an alumni chapter of Sigma Chi in the City of Kansas.

I append a list of resident Sigs, which I am sorry is incomplete, other matters having prevented the making of a full roster:

Dr. Morrison Munford, of the original Sigma, is editor of the *Kansas City Times*. Geo. F. Ballingal, of Xi, and M. T. C. Williams, of Gamma, are successful lawyers in the Wales Building. Zeta has five members here: J. H. and W. M. Reid, bankers, Shiedly Building; Gus Vaughan, lawyer; D. H. Cecil, lawyer, Emmons Block; and J. A.

Steele, lawyer, Emmons Block. Eta is represented by H. S. and L. R. Quin, private bankers, Shiedly Building. T. B. McAuley, who will be remembered as a founder of Alpha Eta, is a lawyer in the *Times* Building. G. Z. Dimmitt, of Zeta Zeta, and later of Theta Theta, and A. F. Evans, of Zeta Zeta, and later of Psi, are doing a flourishing law business in the Baird Building, and their shingle reads Dimmitt & Evans. M. W. St. Clair, of Gamma, is a capitalist, and is Vice-President of the Trader's Bank. Omega shows two members, H. S. Wicks, who is editor of the *Kansas City Commercial*, but at present is attending the Paris Exposition in the interests of Oklahoma, in which he is largely interested; and H. P. Wright [who is a member of the firm of Bloss, Darling and Co., the well known dealers in bonds, mortgages and investment securities.—Ed.]

Alpha Xi is well represented, R. E. Kroh is a lawyer in Kansas City, Kansas; R. W. Brown is a loan agent; R. L. McAlpine is Assistant City Engineer; and Stanley Smith is an under-graduate. They all live in Kansas City, Kansas. Roy Hair, of Tenth and Washington Sts., Kansas City, Mo., is also from that chapter. Kansas City, Kansas, also has C. L. Simpson, Alpha Theta, real estate; Dave McClain, Xi, lawyer; J. O. Fife, of Lambda, County Attorney; and J. L. Thornton, editor of the Kansas City, Kansas, *Daily Gazette*. In Kansas City, Mo., there are also A. S. Frey, Zeta Zeta, Cashier of the Grand Avenue Cable Ry. Co.; E. A. Harper, of Zeta Psi, who has a responsible position in the City Engineer's office; J. E. Florence, of Phi Phi Chapter, a member of the Bolen Coal Co.; Chas. G. Caldwell, with the Metropolitan Street Railway Company; O. A. Kenyon, of Theta Theta, a lawyer in the Alamo Building; Tom Parry, of Zeta Zeta, on the staff of the *Daily Times*; W. M. Fible, of Zeta Zeta, a clerk in the Citizens National Bank; Chas. S. Hughes, of Gamma, in the engineering department of the Kansas City, Fort Scott and Memphis Ry.; James M. Quick, of Psi, a lawyer in the Adams Building. A. D. Curtiss, of Gamma, is general book-keeper in the Union National Bank. His wife is "also a good Sig," as she remarked, as she gave the writer the grip.

I hope this effort on the part of the magazine may result in the founding of an alumni chapter here. There are plenty of members and plenty of enthusiasm. All that is needed is some one who will take a lead in the matter and direct things.

I believe I am safe in saying that we will soon have a permanent alumni chapter in Kansas City, and one of which the whole fraternity will receive benefit, as well as the members who shall organize the chapter.

HERBERT P. WRIGHT, *Omega*, '86.

"A WOMAN OF NEW ORLEANS,"

A RECENT NOVEL BY A MEMBER OF SIGMA CHI.

THE following extract from the Vicksburg (Miss.) *Herald* has come into our hands ; and as it relates to the work of a member of Sigma Chi, we reproduce the clipping. Prof. Thomas Price, Prof. of English at Columbia College, New York City, wrote the author that he had read the novel at one sitting, reading until 2 o'clock in the morning ; and not knowing the author, he felt so much interested in the book that he wrote to New Orleans to find out what he could about it. The Vicksburg *Herald* says :

During last February, there was offered for sale a novel by the above title. The book was selling well and the demand was on the increase, but after the work had been on the market but a few days it was suppressed. Many of the characters were taken from real life, and although the writer thought that their identity was sealed, except from an intimate few, still they were recognized at once by the public and the book had to be suppressed just at the time when the whole of the first edition had been taken up by the bookstores, and when a second edition of five thousand copies had been called for.

A point was made as to the merit of the work, and it was agreed to leave the decision to scholars of acknowledged ability and standing throughout the country. Copies of the book were sent to these, with the request that they would give a candid estimate of the work. Below we give the opinions of some of the best men of the country :

Prof. Schele de Vere, Professor of Modern Languages at the University of Virginia, and one of the leading authorities of the English language, says : "Let me say at once that the book bears witness of unmistakable talent and talent of the highest order, and I predict you a great success for two reasons ; one—because the man who can write the death-scene of little Arbou as you have done it, can do almost anything in that line, and second—because you are open to criticism. I am proud to think for your Alma Mater that you will be one of the very few (alas !) Alumni, who have shone by literary merit, helping up the much calumniated literary talent of the South."

Prof. George Fred. Holmes, Professor of Historical Science at the University of Virginia, and the author of many educational works, says : "'The Woman of New Orleans' has been read by me with great interest. I perused it with care and critical scrutiny, as your request for my opinion required. The novel displays marked ability, great promise, and grave defect. The characters are clearly portrayed and well contrasted. The personages, as depicted, are novel, living and interesting. There is much genuine humor and pathos. Little Arbou is a genuine and exquisite creation. It is as winning as Nellie, and is a better, because a more natural impersonation than the touching figure presented by Dickens. You should feel slight regret at the necessity of suppressing the book. You can do better. The promise and the capability to fulfil it, have been revealed."

The *Virginia University Magazine* says : "'The Woman of New Orleans,' the heroine, is nothing more nor less than a boarding-house keeper. True, and yet you haven't known her five minutes before you are at her feet. The writer had the hard task to take a young, gifted and refined Southern lady of the old school, brought low and widowed by the war, let her keep a boarding-house, and yet make her one of the

most charming characters that has turned up lately. A genius this, you say, and so he is from his strange dedication of the book 'To the Devil,' to the wonderfully pathetic portrayal of the death of a little child at the end. \* \* \* On the whole the book is charming. The few faults we have mentioned are far overbalanced by the vigorous style, the delicate word-painting, and the intimate acquaintance with human nature which characterize the book. There are no unnecessary sentences. All is terse, forcible, clear. He is one of the few writers who can descend to the plane of the reader and talk with him in an easy conversational style, and thus he secures our confidence at once and keeps it all the way through."

Prof. J. G. Schurman, Professor of Philosophy at Cornell University, N. Y., says: "The character most sharply defined is Fred Lawther, who reaches the felicity of marrying madam's daughter. The character is vigorously sketched, and is the most interesting in the book. But after all the author's strength lies in his power of observation and sympathy. He understands the child-life of the boy Arbou, the potency of sympathy to reach and reclaim the outcast mother, the indescribable influence of music, flowers and natural beauty upon the souls of us all. The author wears the proprieties lightly, yet the book is clean and, in spite of some sentimentalities, quite wholesome in its influence."

Judge A. Gunby, Judge of the Court of Appeals of Louisiana, and one of the first scholars of the State, says: "I have read the book with pleasure, and assure you I find more interest and substance in it than in the average novel. The characters are distinct and well formed, and the moral sentiments exalted and honorable. The episode of the white pansies is exquisite. While I am no critic, I think I may safely congratulate you on having achieved a work of true art, and no one can be happier than I that your efforts will be appreciated and rewarded."

And last, but not least, the work was submitted to a lady living in New Orleans, herself a novelist and person of high scholarly attainments. It is possible she may object to having her name given, so we withhold it. She says: "The copy of 'A Woman of New Orleans' came safely, and it goes without saying that I read it with deep interest. Your book leaves no doubt in my mind of your vocation as a novelist. While dealing with real characters, it has all the charm of a well-woven story. One can not tell where the real ceases and your imagination becomes active. It all reads as naturally as if each incident had its own place in the lives of your models. I am not sure that you have adopted a style to suit the general reader. There is a suggestion of Thackeray's humor and Carlyle's causticity in it. It seems to me that your greatest strength lies in the tender touches, or else my taste tends in that direction; for that which most pleases me is the story of Arbou. The closing pages of his little life are full of beauty, and would do credit to the Norwegian. If your book is not a success it will not be for lack of merit."

The above are extracts from criticisms and letters in regard to the book. They do not give the whole letter or criticism in any case, as that would have made this article far too long. As the request was made that the faults of the book might be disclosed so that the author might avoid them in his future books, there was a full enumeration of them by the above scholars and critics.

To the many applications that are being made to the author, through different sources, for copies of the book, he wishes to say that no more copies will be given away or sold under any condition. This publication is made not as an advertisement of the book, but to remove the cloud that was left upon the sudden suppression of the work last February, and to prepare the way for the favorable reception of the author's new book, which will appear next winter. Surely few books written in the last few years have received greater praise from scholars of the first rank than has been accorded to "A Woman of New Orleans."



## Editorial.

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### THE JULY QUARTERLY.

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At the session of the Grand Chapter in Chicago last August the following resolution was passed :

*“Resolved,* That it be understood by the editor of THE SIGMA CHI QUARTERLY and the Grand Triumvirs, that the July issue be composed principally of Commencement Chapter Letters, Statistics, and such other matters as they may select without detriment to the first three issues.”

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### THE CATALOGUE.

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The plans which are being pursued in the publication of the Catalogue render the progress of the work somewhat slow ; but it is being pushed with all the speed possible. About four hundred pages are now in type, and while the work yet to be done is very great, the editors expect to have the book ready for delivery in September.

## Chapter Letters.

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### BETA — THE UNIVERSITY OF WOOSTER.

Beta's Associate Editor, after enjoying the various festivities of commencement time and severing his connection with his Alma Mater, had just commenced to enjoy his vacation in the hope that all college duties were over at last, when the timely arrival of the Grand Tribune's card reminded him that there was one more duty yet to be performed, viz: the writing of a chapter letter for the July QUARTERLY. Beta's history for the year just closed has been of a very even character. We have no unusually brilliant victories to record nor crushing defeats to mourn. At the opening of the fall term we had only seven men, and the outlook was not as encouraging as on former occasions. Before commencement, however, each of us, save one, had found a mate and now we number thirteen. Of these we lose two by graduation, Bros. Ross and Phelps, and one or two more are not sure to return in the fall. We will have nine certainly and possibly ten to commence operations on the barbarian ranks next fall; and if there are any prizes in the incoming class we hope to secure our share at least.

The prospects for the University, according to our worthy President, Dr. Scovel, are as bright or brighter than ever before. The "wings" of the University building, of which we hear so much and see so little, still exist in the imagination of the faculty and the fertile brains of class-day humorists. Whether they will ever assume a tangible form remains to be seen.

The work of the musical department closed on the 18th with a magnificent rendition of Handel's grand oratorio, the Messiah, by a chorus of more than a hundred voices. This department of the University, under the able management of Prof. Karl Merz, who by the way is a loyal Sig, has proven a grand success and is constantly growing in patronage. On the whole, this year has been a very successful one for Wooster in every respect, and the Sigs are conceited enough to think that they contributed a little toward the result. In looking back over the past year, while we can see some things to be deplored, yet we feel that much progress has been made and that we approached a little nearer the standard of the ideal chapter than ever before.

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### ZETA — WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY.

The annual commencement exercises of Washington and Lee University began with the baccalaureate sermon by the Rev. W. W. Moore, of Hampden Sidney, and an address in the evening before the Y. M. C. A., by Mr. S. M. Layford. Monday evening the annual regatta took place on North River. The winning crew this year was the "Albert Sidney," of which Bro. Marshall was

coxswain. Monday night was the annual celebration of the Literary Societies, in which, strange to say,  $\Sigma X$  was not represented. Tuesday morning the college campus was filled with smiling youths and pretty girls to witness the tennis tournament. The address before the alumni by Prof. Thorn was delivered Tuesday night. Wednesday morning was taken up by the conferring of degrees, class distinctions, etc., and Wednesday night the exercises were closed with the annual ball, which, needless to say, was enjoyed by every one. One of the principal features of the exercises this year was the election of the Hon. J. Randolph Tucker as Senior Professor of Law. Thus I have tried to give a very brief account of one of the most prosperous and pleasant commencements Washington and Lee University has seen for some time. It will be noticed that  $\Sigma X$  was represented in but one thing this commencement, that being the boat race; but this can easily be understood when it is known that none of her members are in the Senior class.

Bros. Brown and Peck left for their homes before the commencement exercises began. The former we are sorry to say will not return next year; but we are glad to say the latter will return, and from him  $\Sigma X$  may expect great things. All the members of the chapter will return except Bro. Brown. We are glad to report that, although Zeta has been behind-hand in a few chapter letters and such things, which we are free to acknowledge ought to have been attended to, in a financial point of view she stands clear, not owing one cent.

#### ETA—UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI.

Since our last letter, commencement, bringing with it mingled joy and sorrow, has arrived and departed. Our exercises were pronounced, by even the most exacting, very excellent and creditable to any college. Only two of Eta's sons participated in the exercises, both of whom were contestants for the anniversarianship of Phi Sigma Literary Society. In spite of the time and labor spent on their speeches and of the splendid manner in which they delivered them, the honor was borne away by one John Franklin, of Arkansas. We were agreeably surprised by visits from some of our old members during commencement. Bro. E. E. Brougher, of Jackson, Miss., spent a week with us, and we are delighted to know that he contemplates returning next session for the purpose of taking a course of law. The fat and smiling Bro. Friley Jones, of Canton, Miss., made things pleasant by his presence. Friley is not married yet, but is becoming quite a ladies' man. Bro. J. F. Posey, of Union City, Tenn., was also an addition to our happiness during commencement. He cannot be with us any more, but promises to send us a younger brother next year.

At the last meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University an almost complete change was made in the Faculty. All of the professors, with the exception of three, were dismissed. Although there was, without a doubt, a

great need of a change, although there was surely something radically wrong, yet we cannot but feel and think that the welfare of the University has been greatly impaired by the loss of Dr. Johnson, the Professor of the English Department. We are incapable of criticising the action of the Trustees, but we can truthfully say that we believe no one can easily be secured who can do as much in that department as Dr. Johnson has accomplished. We are proud to know that we have two new sister chapters in the field, and from the enthusiasm with which they have entered our ranks, we pronounce their success sure. May they always be worthy of the noble name of Sigma Chi. May they accept no criterion save success; and that they may ever be bright jewels in the crown of Sigma Chi is the sincere wish of Eta Chapter. Eta wishes a happy and prosperous vacation to all of her sisters, and promises to do good work at the beginning of next term.

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#### THETA—PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE.

Theta Chapter has held her last meeting until next September, and her members have scattered for the summer vacation. Some have gathered around her shrine for the last time as active members, but none have forsaken the White Cross, nor forgotten the ties that bind them. The graduation exercises took place during the first week of June; and by reason of the large number in the Senior class, the mornings of the 5th and 6th were given up to their speakers. This chapter lost more men this year than it has since 1883. Three Sigs held the audience spell-bound during their orations, and "paralyzed" it with their "good looks." Bro. N. C. McPherson, Bro. D. P. McPherson and Bro. J. R. Scott are the ones who now own sheep-skins so full of Latin that they have never had the courage to attempt its translation. Inasmuch as this is the last chance the graduates will probably have for posing as such before the readers of the *QUARTERLY*, they may rightly claim more than ordinary mention in the last communication of the year. Their subjects were, respectively, "Our Foreign Market," "The Duties of an Ambassador," and "French and American Republicanism." Each can now write A.B. after his name, and with the fullest of contentment, for it took four long years to get it. The McPherson brothers have not decided on their future profession. Bro. Scott will study law.

The last collegiate year can hardly be regarded as a successful one to the Greek world at this institution, if the acquisition of new members is taken as the basis. Although there were many new students, yet they were not up to the standard required by most of the chapters, and hence they initiated but few men. Of course some frats, who regard *numbers* before *quality*, roped in a regular net full; and, after the same analogy, caught far more *poor* ones than even *fair* ones. Consequently they were divided into cliques, and the various outcroppings, resulting from this most reprehensible practice, were watched with considerable interest by the more prudent.

We numbered but nine during the year that has just closed, and it is rarely that this number is exceeded. The contemplated banquet during commencement week did not take place, the floods of the first of June having rendered traveling so uncertain and dangerous that comparatively few strangers were in attendance. But two old Sigs were present, Dr. Geo. N. Acker, of Washington, D. C., and Rev. Charles R. Trowbridge. This is the first time for many years that Bro. Acker has deigned to desert his large practice in the "city of magnificent distances" and look in upon the boys of his old chapter. Bro. Trowbridge, however, is always seen some time during the year, and the great interest he takes in things "Gettysburgish" is highly appreciated.

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the College, the office of Vice-President was abolished, and that of Dean of the Faculty instituted. P. M. Biklé, Ph.D., one of the founders of this chapter, and who has been for a number of years the Latin Professor, was elected to the office. As I have mentioned in all my previous letters to the QUARTERLY, there is an almost absolute dearth of fraternity news. This was the slowest year we have had for quite a time. The six who will return in the fall are good workers, and probably all of those who graduated will be in the town and ready for the fight. The present indications are for the largest influx of new students in the history of the college, and it will be rather strange if Theta cannot secure her selected ones.

Here the present editor's work ends, and as he lays aside his office, it is with the wish that his successor may have more interesting matter to "write up" for the magazine than has been granted to him. *Vale!*

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#### KAPPA—BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY.

Bucknell has closed her portals. Commencement, the happiest time of the year, exists only in the memory of those who were wont to enter her hospitable gates. From her closed doors nineteen souls, ever and anon looking back to their benefactress, march out into the cold, cruel world. They have fought the good fight of knowledge, and ignorance lies wounded and bleeding by the wayside. With the beginning of the next school year, Kappa will practically begin a new existence. From our present active membership of eleven, we are only assured that three will return. Of the number who are uncertain, we can expect one at least. Bucknell is wanting in good fraternity men; and not only has our own Sigma Chi received a blow by her loss this year, but other fraternities have suffered as well. The  $\Phi K \Psi$  is in a worse condition than ever before, which we cannot say of ourselves. They have numbers, but there is not one really good frat. man among them. Some are men whom we could have taken, but Kappa would rather have no men at all than have them inferior. The same can be said of the  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ . They have men, but not men whom Sigma Chi would want. Kappa will turn out in force

with some of her alumni next fall, and something will be done to place her on a firm footing for the year.

Our annual symposium, held in the chapter halls on the evening of June 25, was a pleasant success. Many of our honored alumni were present, and they alone can bring success from the most gloomy foreshadowing. Kappa has a most pathetic history, and when told by these gray-haired men of Sigma Chi, they lend it a charm which none can resist.

Another of our alumni has been called to a responsible position, and we pride ourselves that it is the head of our own institution, Bucknell. Dr. Harris, ex-principal of Keystone Academy, and who has literally made that institution what it is, has already taken his seat with us. Dr. Harris is a deep man and a successful one.

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### LAMBDA—INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

The college year has closed, and it is with pleasure that we take a *resume* of the year's work. We accomplished much this year, and can truly say that it was a prosperous year for us. In the first place, we succeeded in gathering together a good crowd of men, congenial and interested heart and soul in the cause of Sigma Chi. We succeeded this spring in fitting up our hall in style, and every one now assures us that we have an elegant retreat.

The only "breeze" among fraternity men this spring was furnished by the Phi Delta Theta. They expelled one of their members, and another resigned. They were both immediately taken in by Beta Theta Pi. The trouble all came about through the big-headedness of one of their seniors.

A number of our boys staid for commencement, and truly all of us who did, spent an enjoyable week. Visitors poured in without number. The trustees,—most of them with their families,—were on hand all week, and the number of lovely young ladies in town was never before so noticeable.

The address to the Scientific Societies on Thursday night, June 6, was but the beginning of the good things in store for all. Friday night the Literary Societies held their valedictory exercises. The Athenian Society was represented by a Sig. Saturday night there was a very successful alumni reunion, and Sunday morning everybody but students went to church. The baccalaureate address in the afternoon by Prof. Atwater was largely attended and proved very entertaining and instructive. Monday morning, bright and early, we all went down to see the Preps get their orations. They graduated a large class this year, among whom we are proud of our own Bros. Batman and Duncan. Bro. Duncan received that morning from his grandmother a beautiful Sig badge, as a present in honor of the occasion.

Monday night came, and the Sigs were out in force. We were an excited lot of fellows. It was the night of the Oratorical Contest. We have taken so many contests here that we were determined we should not lose this one. The first prize was \$40, and we knew it was within our reach, though we had

opposed to us some of the brightest men in the University. The speeches were delivered, and our expectations ran high. When the judges at last announced that our Bro. Chas. Rhett had taken first prize, we fairly shouted for joy. Great was the victory.

Tuesday night, class exercises were held, and never before has class night been such a success. The dignified and stately seniors were rigged out in all sorts of outlandish costumes, and tried to be real funny for once. All of the songs and a few of the jokes proved very catching. Wednesday the seniors made their last bow to the public as students of Indiana University. This year's class is a large one (forty-one), and contains some very fine men. Sigma Chi this year graduates two as fine men as there are in the Senior class,—Bros. Rhett and Robertson. To Bro. Robertson this chapter owes a debt of gratitude. In the fall of '87 we had but four men as a starter for the year, and there were other discouraging circumstances. Bro. Robertson, as the oldest and only upper classman, took the lead, and through his untiring efforts we are able to-day to stand forth as a strong chapter. Our best wishes ever go with our seniors in their journey through life. We expect to lose several besides our seniors, but expect to start in next year with ten strong men.

The erection of a \$60,000 library building, which is to be completed by the spring term next year, will be begun this summer. Judge Banta, famous over this State for his learning, has been elected Law Professor, and that department will be reorganized at the beginning of next year. The prospects of the University for next year are very flattering.

I forgot, in the body of this letter, to say anything about Field Day. It must not be overlooked, for it is reckoned a big day here. It now constitutes a permanent feature of commencement week. The sports were varied and closely contested. Bro. Bain came off with numerous prizes, and with some records that will be hard to beat.

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#### MU—DENISON UNIVERSITY.

The past session has been a year of quiet and uneventful prosperity to Mu Chapter. All the men who were with us at the beginning of the year have continued through to the end, and all our undergraduates hope to return at the close of the vacation. In the class of '89 we have lost two men from active membership, whose vacant places we shall find it hard to fill. The President *contulit in Leonardum Leandrum Sutton* the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and upon our Grand Prætor the degree of Bachelor of Science. It fell to the lot of the latter, Henry C. Stilwell, to represent Sigma Chi in the commencement exercises. Sutton is to study law with his father in Attica, and Stilwell expects to assist in his father's machinery business at Dayton.

On the fifteenth of June, Desilva E. Miller, of the Freshman class, was initiated and received all the customary attentions. Bro. Miller is a good student and popular among his fellows.

Among others who were present during commencement week were Frank Morse, '85, Arthur Eldridge, '87, H. B. Curtin, '88. Chas. Owen, '85, who had been with us all winter, was called to join his surveying corps on the 17th, and consequently missed the pleasures of the last week.

The field-day exercises were held at the new grounds. Several old Denison records were broken, and the contests were very interesting, but were interrupted by rain in the afternoon. E. P. Childs,  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ , won the Citizen's Medal for best general athlete.  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$  lost one man and Beta Theta Pi two by graduation.

### CHI—HANOVER COLLEGE.

On June 13th, Hanover College finished another very successful year, and the uninterested spectator, on that day, would have been amazed to see the students so eager to leave the town. Before the sun had set the majority of the students had departed. Our commencement exercises were the best by far that Hanover has had for several years. Chi Chapter lost two men by the graduation of this class, Bros. Pence and McClintock. The former will attend McCormick Theological Seminary and study for the ministry. The latter will teach school for a year and then will prepare himself for the law.

I was mistaken when I stated in my last letter that we would have no new man to initiate this year. It is with extreme pleasure that I now introduce to the Sigma Chi world our new initiate, Bloomfield Edson, '93, of Kent, Ind. He is a perfect gentleman in every respect and is the leading man in his class both in scholarship and society. Chi with this new addition will start in next year with twelve men, providing all return. During commencement week Rev. S. Perry Dillon, one of the founders of Chi Chapter, made us a visit; and I can assure you that the boys of Chi Chapter did every thing possible in order to make Bro. Dillon enjoy himself. He returned our kindness by giving the boys a banquet, which was heartily appreciated. It is proper to add that Bro. Dillon has the honor of being Chaplain of the Nebraska House of Representatives.

Bro. Walter Fisher was also with us during our initiatory services, and he bestowed a great favor upon the chapter by giving us a little speech (about one hour in length). Bro. Howard Fisher, '86, we are sorry to say, was unable to attend all of our meetings, as he had a very bad attack of typhoid fever. He was able to be out during commencement week; but he had a relapse a few days afterward, and at first it was thought that he was in a very critical condition. We are glad to say that he is rapidly recovering and hope to see him out again in a few days; he graduated at McCormick Theological Seminary this year, and expects to go to India as a missionary this coming September. George S. Taylor, '86, Elmer E. Martin, '87, and Will R. Alling, '89, also spent a few hours with us during the last week of college. With Dr. Fisher, our energetic President, at her head, Hanover College is now



prospering as she has never done before. The McKim Observatory at Madison has recently been purchased and will be placed on the campus at once.

In closing we can only wish each and every chapter success, and we invite any Sig who may be near Hanover to come and see us.

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#### OMEGA — NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

The year has closed and the members of Omega have separated to spend their vacation at their several homes. With them they have taken recollections of one of the pleasantest years of the college course. This year has seen a wonderful progress in the University, which is pushing rapidly forward to the position to which she is justly entitled among the foremost colleges of the West. This year has seen the building and dedication of the Dearborn Observatory, which is pronounced by competent judges to be the best appointed astronomical observatory in the United States; it has seen the largest number of students the college has ever received, and it has seen the college taking the lead in athletics, winning the pennant in the base ball association of the northwestern colleges, and the tug-of-war championship of the northwest. Omega, as has been her custom, has not been far behind in this progress. She too has been advancing and has just finished what is the most profitable and prosperous year in her history. Commencement week made a fitting close for the year. With an elegant reception at the Chapter House, given to our lady friends, we maintained the high social position we have held; and a banquet in Chicago to our alumni and resident brothers aroused the enthusiasm of all and strengthened the already strong bond between the alumni and the active chapter. Then to cap the climax and to add one more to our list of honors, on commencement day Bro. Weeden took the Kirk Prize of one hundred dollars for the best oration. The term closed with fourteen in the chapter, four of whom graduated. It is expected that their places will be filled by the return of others who have dropped out during their course. With a number of good men in view, our prospects next year are certainly encouraging, and we can look forward to a year which looks more promising than the one through which we have just passed. Those of us who do not expect to return, can feel that we could not have left the chapter in better hands. It is entrusted to those who will strive to be governed by the principles of the fraternity and to maintain its present standard. The Chapter House will be open during the summer, with a number of the brothers living there, who would be glad to welcome any Sig, who may be passing through this part of the country. With best wishes for the coming year, Omega bids her sister chapters a fond adieu.

## GAMMA GAMMA—RANDOLPH-MACON COLLEGE.

The session has not closed for many years with such a prosperous outlook for Gamma Gamma as has the one just passed. The first of '88-'89 found Gamma Gamma with but four men to fight her battles and place her at the top,—a position which she has justly, we trust, held since her charter was granted. Knowing that we had the best college fraternity in existence to back us, and fearing no assault that could be made by our rivals upon our fraternity as a fraternity, we were compelled to realize that the responsibility was with us as individuals. With this fact firmly fixed in our minds, we went to work, and the result, as has been before announced, was the gain of three of the best men socially, intellectually and to some degree morally, that our college could afford. The "rushing" at Randolph-Macon is almost entirely finished by the beginning of the second term. However, we were lucky enough to go beyond our usual record and disturb the tranquil flow of fraternity life, characteristic of our last half, by introducing to the Greek world our youngest brother—Mr. B. W. Arnold, of North Carolina. This announcement is made, however, not without disappointment and chagrin to some of our rivals.

Gamma Gamma has undoubtedly held the fullest hand among the fraternities at Randolph-Macon during the session just ended. The members of the Franklin Literary Society at their annual meeting for public debate held in April, saw fit to have their entire rostrum—including president, vice-president and secretary—composed of Sigs. Bro. Wm. L. Old, Bro. Arnold and Bro. Starke served, in the order named, the society and our chapter by discharging their respective duties with credit. At the meeting of the Washington Literary Society, in which  $\Sigma X$  has only one representative, for the same purpose and in the same month, Bro. Frank Talbott was chosen to preside.

As we have started naming what might be classed as honors, it is but proper that we should continue down the line and say that Bro. Old was again called into service—this time as Chief Marshal of his society for commencement. Bro. Talbott was elected as orator for commencement to represent the "Wash.," but owing to a conflict of engagements was compelled to resign his position. Two medals were tried for by Sigs; and Bro. Arnold, our "goat," now has the honor of wearing the one given by the "Frank." Society for the best declamation. Other minor honors, such as Editor-in-Chief of the College Annual,—which was called for but never came—President of the College Glee Club, Secretary of the Foot Ball Association and Captain of the Base Ball Team, were held by Bro. Talbott.

In all, as with the chapter, so with our college, this has been an unusually prosperous year. Randolph-Macon, started on the up grade by the late Dr. W. W. Bennett, now guided by Dr. W. W. Smith, is moving forward at a rapid rate and promises to be second to none.

We trust it is not necessary to remind all traveling Sigma Chis that

Ashland is only seventeen miles from Richmond, and is situated on the R., F. & P. Railroad,—a straight line from Washington to Richmond. Gamma Gamma extends a cordial invitation and trusts that she may be visited by all who find it in their power to accept her invitation.

#### DELTA DELTA — PURDUE UNIVERSITY.

The last orator has respectfully bowed off the stage amid great applause ; the fragrance of commencement flowers has died away on the hot June atmosphere, and six more  $\Delta \Delta$  Sigs have joined the ranks of Purdue alumni. On the morning of June 5th, resplendent in bright colors, Purdue's campus reflected the serenity and calmness of the cheeriest day imaginable. In the chapel, where for the past four years '89 men have gathered every school day morning, the class assembled on the rostrum and gazed on the walls and faculty for the last time as students. Although never seen in more gala array, or more crowded with great personages and happy students, yet a vein of sadness pervaded every thought. To six Sigma Chi boys and to two Kappa Sigmas the realization that they were just on the eve of departing from the favorite haunts of their fraternity life, and from the most agreeable companionship of their lives, made the effect depressing in the extreme. To others not allied with the pleasures of Greek life, many equally fond remembrances helped to introduce the alloy of sadness in their measure of joy. Never in the history of Purdue, however, was an occasion more happy and auspicious than the '89 commencement, even though it contained many regretful associations to those that leave its halls perhaps forever. The commencement exercises of this year may be regarded as a measure of the prosperity and achievements of the college year just closed. Never in her history has more advancement been effected, and never has a more assuring indication of a prosperous future been disclosed. Every event in '88-89 has been of benefit to Alma Mater. President Smart, the faculty and the trustees will ever have a pleasant reminder of the year in the appropriation secured from the State ; for by it two new buildings will be erected this summer, besides many minor improvements. The two buildings will both exceed in size any other now on the campus, and the architect's drawings show them to be handsome and convenient.

Delta Delta will also have abundant reason to look back on '88-89 with a deal of pleasure and gratification ; for in that time six men have been initiated, making the roster of the year contain in full nineteen men. The last and only initiates since the May number of the magazine were John Charles Herman, and Frederick Scheuch, Jr., '92, son of Hon. Fred. Scheuch, American Consul to Barcelona, the ceremonies occurring commencement night in our chapter halls. After the initiation, the clans of  $\Sigma X$  adjourned to the parlors of Weigle, the caterer, where a royal feast awaited us. Then occurred our fifth annual banquet and reunion, perhaps the most

successful ever held by Delta Delta. Bro. Claypool acted as toast master, assisting us wonderfully in combining our varied accomplishments to make the occasion a glorious and memorable one. Here we reviewed our year, the results showing that the power of the chapter had increased and was still advancing. At the literary entertainments,  $\Sigma X$  was always represented, and at the alumni entertainment Bro. Vinton's poetic effusions can be said to have taken the laurels of the occasion. At the alumni election Bro. Ade was elected president, and Bro. Vinton treasurer, the remaining two offices being secured by staunch lady supporters of the frat. The review showed the first Purdue annual, *The Debris*, to have been the consummation of a Sig's suggestion and to have owed its success largely to Sigma Chi contributions. These and many other achievements were duly recalled, our lady friends toasted, and at an early morning hour  $\Delta \Delta$  dispersed, happy and jubilant, not to meet in conclave until September, '89, when at least eight active men are expected to respond to the roll call.

The class of '89 can review their last year with a great deal of unalloyed pleasure. As a class, its number has been larger than any before graduated, and in no previous class has as large a percentage of its members been fraternity men. To them has been ascribed, and very properly too, perhaps, almost every act of mischief that has occurred since they became Freshmen. As a consequence, it is but natural to suppose that their bliss could not have been wholly unalloyed. On the occasion of their class-day exercises on June 4, many deeds that have been shrouded in mystery were disclosed. The scheme adopted was very unique. The gates of Paradise were represented, the time being the millenium, and the principal characters, St. Peter and Father Time. As each member of '89 arose from the grave, his college record would be read from the holy records by St. Peter, exposing, with more truth than fiction, a very much blemished career. Every member of '89 was found sadly deficient in morality and was sent on to another home. After every Senior had thus been disposed of, a committee of these exiled shades chloroformed the immortal potentates, picked the lock of the gates, and admitted the entire class. The moral is obvious. The faculty thought so too. As a burlesque of faculty and unpopular under class men the affair was very successful, although from a very religious standpoint, it was severely condemned. The class may also feel proud of their *Debris*, issued shortly before commencement week. The reception accorded the Purdue annual this year is a good indication that *The Debris* will be perpetuated by succeeding classes. The Juniors have had a less eventful record this year, leaving as their only memoir a multitude of associated press accounts of their junior entertainment and a highly imaginative illustration of the affair in *The Police Gazette*. As a result of this most disgraceful notoriety, several students were expelled from the institution. It is but due to the class and the reputation of the institution to say that the newspaper accounts were highly colored and exaggerated. Bro. Paul Anderson represented  $\Sigma X$  on the program. The Soph-

omores have a very delightful picnic to remind them of '88-89, while the Freshmen have nothing in particular save a number of pretty co-eds and our genial and accomplished German, French, Italian, Spanish and English linguist, Bro. Scheuch, to distinguish them. To the preps, the late lamented year was rendered memorable by the simple fact that it was their first, and also by the realization that they lost the tug-of-war on class-day, an occurrence which is unparalleled almost since the beginning of Purdue class-day. The alumni can refer with a vast deal of pardonable pride to the past year, for at the close of the past term, Bro. James B. Shaw, '89, submitted an essay on Hawthorne's "Marble Faun," that is conceded by the faculty to have been the best literary production ever submitted by an under class man. Bro. Shaw's graduation suggests past days very forcibly and calls up a question in the minds of many older Sigs as to how he graduated. It will be remembered that "in the good old colony times," before the fraternity war, Bro. Shaw was one of the men expelled, ostensibly as one of those implicated in blowing up a little cupid fountain in the campus, but really for being allied to  $\Sigma X$ . At that time he was a Senior of '81, and was nearing the completion of his course. At a meeting of the trustees a few weeks since, it was decided to allow him to resume his collegiate studies and become a candidate for a degree. He was then admitted and came in at the finish with an average in class work much higher than any other Senior.

Six Seniors severed their active connection with  $\Delta \Delta$  on commencement day. Bro. James B. Shaw will follow his natural inclinations and continue dispensing knowledge at so much per month at a leading Indiana institution. Bro. Frank L. Rainey will take the position of assistant Prof. of Botany at Purdue next year. Bros. Dorner and McCutcheon will seek the editorial field and will disseminate intellectual abstractions through the local press. The former will probably take a position on the Indianapolis *Sentinel* staff. Bro. Chas. W. Pifer will turn to the compass and chain and extract the fretsome shekel from the wary commonwealth. Bro. Hutchinson, our latest Senior, will continue his college days either at Purdue or Cornell, taking as a specialty a course in electricity. Delta Delta acknowledges with thanks the receipt of *The Gopher*, sent us by Alpha Sigma Chapter. Bros Shull and Randall, of  $\Delta X$ , visited  $\Delta \Delta$  recently.

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#### DELTA CHI—WABASH COLLEGE.

The class of '89 took from among us Bro. Binford, of Thorntown, Indiana. For some time we have looked to Bro. Binford to lead and guide us in our fraternity affairs, and now we will miss his wise counsel, superior judgment and inspiring voice. However, he has made a deep and lasting impression on a Crawfordsville belle, which will draw him back among us as often as chance offers the opportunity. Bro. Kelso's departure will be another loss to us. He has left the arms of his Alma Mater with a "B.A." after his name and will

take a full course at Rush Medical College. Bro. Kelso is a true and ardent Sig, a whole-souled young man, and we fain would have him with us always.

The fraternities of Wabash were in a better condition last spring than they have been for some time. Unlike the winter term, we associated together and enjoyed each other's company. Strange as it may seem, much credit is due to the ball team for this harmony among the frats. Generally a ball team is the cause of dissension, but this year it was composed of men representing the majority of the fraternities in college, which, combined with the faultless management of Bro. Shull, was the means of causing peace and good-will among the boys of the entire institution. Sigma Chi held her own in the persons of Grand Praetor Shull, manager and first baseman; Bros. Brewer and Randall, third baseman and catcher. Bro. Shull brought the team out at the end of the season with only one defeat and over a dozen victories. We are sorry to hear of the serious illness of Bro. Muvers, of LaFayette, and sincerely hope that he will soon be well.

What a pleasure it would be if we could take a peep at each one of our  $\Sigma X$  brothers during these hot summer days, and see how they enjoy their work—for instance?—Bro. Shull on his father's lumber pile; Bro. Brewer putting up prescriptions in a Greenwood drug-house; Bro. Rice carrying brick and singing "Annabel Lee;" Bro. Porter selling books and sitting in the shade; Bro. Kelso with his golden glasses on sitting in his preceptor's office learning how to saw a man's arm off, or studying that famous work of Prof. Kritz, "Victoria, the Goddess of Waveland;" Bro. Muvers assisting his father in the pulpit these hot summer Sabbath days; Bro. Crisman, the divine, selling fruit trees trying to get back to Crawfordsville; Bro. Merrill arguing with some one about the superior qualities of President Harrison, and Bro. Randall laboring hard in his father's store.

Before commencement we were honored with a two week's visit from Bro. Jones, who left us last fall to go to the wilds of Arkansas. He received a royal welcome and his visit was a most joyous one to us all. Bros. Strong and McReynolds, who left us last Christmas, graduated with honors this spring from the Spencerian Business College of Washington, D. C.

At our last meeting we were honored by the fair maidens of Crawfordsville with a freezer of ice-cream, cake and strawberries, all of which it did not take long to pass into a state of *innocuous desuetude*. It was a grand meeting and we all left determined to come back next fall a week beforehand and attend strictly to business for a time. We feel assured that nothing will escape us. We will have eight men to commence the year and already have a firm grasp on two men we confidently expect to be with us next September.

Wishing our sister chapters a most pleasant vacation, we will close with the common complaint that we have not received a chapter letter since Christmas.

## ZETA ZETA—CENTRE COLLEGE.

Zeta Zeta has finished one of her happiest, if not most successful, years, since the fraternal fire was first kindled here. Although we have taken no great prizes, neither in the class-room nor on the rostrum, nevertheless we can say, and proudly too, that there has been a spirit of unity and of duty,—duty to college and fraternity. On departing, the love for our chapter and for Sig girls is only surpassed by the love for home and its familiar faces. It is only just and proper to say here, that in Danville the Sig girls are loyal and true to the "white cross" and its wearers. Bro. Fackler entertained the Sigs and alumni at his residence most elegantly, and the boys enjoyed and appreciated it. Zeta Zeta's base-ball club has played in hard luck. There is a new "fad" at Centre, viz., Pan-Hellenic base ball. We dropped the first and second games to  $B \ominus II$  and  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ . In the last game, we are told, the  $\Sigma X$  girls actually wept at our defeat, and "would not be comforted." The third time the Sigs appeared in their blue and old gold uniforms, evidently with the intention of "doing up" the Phi's, who won *in a trot and hands down*. Thus ended a successful, or unsuccessful, career in base ball, as you may choose to call it. We lose one man by graduation, to whom we may proudly point as a fair sample of what a four-years course in Zeta Zeta does. He is our most genial friend and brother, J. M. Givins. When Bro. G. had finished his oration on commencement day, as a testimonial of her appreciation of his efforts on her behalf, Z Z sent him a beautiful  $\Sigma X$  cross. At the end of the exercises it was announced that \$75,000 out of the \$100,000 had been raised for the further endowment of the college, that a new professor would be added at once, that at no great while the faculty would again be augmented, and that all the modern conveniences would soon follow. The annual alumni banquet will be held in October, at which Dr. Young will be formally inaugurated. He bids fair to make us a fine president,—one loved and honored by the boys, not only on account of his labor for the college, but on account of his interest manifested in the students and their welfare. The prospect looks brighter for us next year. Bros. Godsey and Apperson returning (the latter having won a declamatory contest at his academy in Virginia), together with the present ten, we will make a lively fight; and with fair winds and a sea clear, save of small craft, we will be sure to take our share of the spoils from the numberless host of barbs. It is without fear we look forward to the future. The past was bright; the present, under auspicious gods, is brighter, and with fair hopes and fine assurances, we believe the future to be by far the brightest,

If any one should ask, how is our State and chapter, we would say:

The sun shines bright in the old Kentucky home,  
 'Tis summer, the darkies are gay;  
 The corn-top's ripe, the meadow's in the bloom,  
 While the birds make music all the day.

## ZETA PSI—UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI.

After the hurry and bustle of closing the school year, with its attendant examinations, commencement and the like, Zeta Psi stops to rest again. Our commencement exercises were held June 18, at the Odeon, a beautiful little theatre connected with the Cincinnati College of Music. There were nineteen degrees awarded, four of them to  $Z \Psi$ 's men. Bro. Creaghead and Rodgers took part in the exercises, delivering addresses on electrical subjects. Bro. Miller, who received his B.S. degree in 1887, this year received the C. E. Bros. Smith, Creaghead and Rodgers received B.S. Bro. Smith has a position as chemist to the Globe Soap Works, a large manufacturing concern of this city; Bro. Creaghead will be with the Westinghouse Electric Company of Pittsburg, while Bro. Rodgers will spend a year at Princeton.

Our annual outing was taken June 15. We revisited the scenes of our adventures of last year—the Licking River. A heavy rain storm came upon us at noon, but it takes more than that to dampen the ardor of a  $Z \Psi$  Sig; and we braved the rain and stayed it out. The heavens, however, smiled upon us in the afternoon, and we have a variety of sun-beams as a result of it.

The annual field day of the University was held June 7. The records made were quite poor, partly on account of the poor condition of the grounds, and partly on account of a lack of enthusiasm among the students. There was a feeling of dissatisfaction over the officers elected for the day, as it was claimed the fraternity men had controlled matters. Although the fraternity men secured a majority of the offices, it was through no caucus or other effort.

Professor Sproull, our *frater in facultate*, tendered a reception on May 17, to his classes and the Sigs. We had a most delightful time, the Professor and his estimable wife leaving nothing undone to make the occasion enjoyable. On the 31st of May, Bro. Wilson gave a dinner to the chapter, to meet a number of young ladies from one of the private schools of our city. To use the stereotyped expressions "delightful time," "very enjoyable," etc., would be to fail to convey even an idea of the enjoyment of the occasion. It will long live green in the memories of  $Z \Psi$ 's men.

The University faculty is at present without a head, President Cox's resignation being reluctantly accepted. It is thought that instead of electing a President immediately, the Chair of History and Political Economy will be created and the President's salary go to the occupant of that chair. We had the pleasure of having as a visitor, a short time ago, Bro. Frederick W. Putnam of  $A \Theta$ , who stopped in our city on his way to Chicago.

We expect to open next year with seven men. In addition to our graduates this year, we lose Bro. Bonsell who will probably go to Washington, D. C., to live. We already are on the lookout for good men for next year and hope to have no difficulty in bringing our number up to this year's standard.



## THETA THETA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

Since the last issue of *THE QUARTERLY* we have added one more name to our active list, making our chapter roll now nineteen, the highest point it has ever reached. John F. Ziegler, of Peoria, Illinois, was chosen to end the work of the year, and has proven a worthy and devoted Sig. He has had some previous experience in "goats," but says his respect for that animal has greatly increased since their last meeting. On the evening of May 30 the chapter held its annual banquet at the Hotel Cadillac, in Detroit. Just at nine, the chapter, with the visiting Sigs, consisting of the alumni of this and other chapters, sat down to more than four hours of continuous fun, and Sigma Chi talk and songs. The occasion was enlivened throughout by the inspiring strains of music from one of Detroit's famous orchestras, while at intervals would break forth the Sig yell, originated by Theta Theta Chapter. After the bill of fare had been approved and pronounced highly interesting by all, the covers were removed, and the toasts commenced. There were ten upon the program, and after these were responded to the alumni present were called upon and responded to informal toasts, as also did various members of the chapter. The evening was enjoyed to the utmost by all present, and served to bind more closely together the active members and the alumni of the chapter, and if that be possible, the individual members of the chapter. The banquet broke up in the "wee sma' hours," with mutual expressions of good wishes among all present, and a repetition of the vow of friendship. The menu cards were handsomely bound in old gold ooze leather, interlaced with blue silk ribbons, and were retained by all as souvenirs of the most enjoyable event in the annals of the chapter. Of our nineteen members, nine will return next year, eight Senior Laws and one Sophomore in the Literary department. We will thus be able to start in on a good basis, and as the nine are all workers, we hope to be able to feel as proud at the end of next year, as we do now of this year's work. Of the four non-active members in college this year, two will return to render us their assistance next year. Bro. Davidson, of *A*, continues his course in the Medical Department, and Bro. Scott, of *A*, to complete his course in the Department of Law. So our prospects are bright, indeed, next year. Of the retiring members, eight graduated from the Department of Law, and subsequently all passed the examination for admission to the bar, and are now privileged to add "Attorney" to their names. One graduated from the Literary Department, and has chosen to seek fame in the field of journalism; and one will pursue the study of medicine, at Bellevue Hospital, New York City, the coming year. The chapter received an invitation to attend the convention of the Third Province at Delaware, and greatly regretted that none of the members were able to be present. From the report of proceedings published in the last *QUARTERLY* the convention seems to have been highly successful, and to have accomplished a great deal of work, while at the same

time the delegates enjoyed themselves to the fullest extent. Since the convention, the chapter has received a photo. of the delegates and a song book with the compliments of Beta Chapter. We intend to have our house somewhat remodeled in the fall, and thereby add materially to the comfort of the members in it. We have added to it to a considerable extent during the past year, and with this further improvement we will have one of the most comfortable and convenient houses in the city. Among the improvements this spring was a tennis-court, which has proven a never-failing source of amusement and exercise, and has been idle very little since it was laid out. We have had the pleasure of entertaining several Sigs during the year just ended, and hope that it may fall to our lot to entertain a still greater number next year. To all Sigs, active or alumni members, our house is always open. We will be glad to accord you a hearty welcome, and we hope that as many as possible will avail themselves of every opportunity to visit us.

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#### SIGMA SIGMA—HAMPDEN-SIDNEY COLLEGE.

In spite of very unfavorable weather, the one hundred and thirteenth commencement of this venerable old institution was one of the most successful in its history. The Union Literary Society celebrated its centennial anniversary, and large numbers of her alumni gathered to do honor to her. The Baccalaureate sermon, on Sunday, June 29, was delivered by the President, Rev. Richard McIlwaine, D.D., and was one of his best efforts. The annual celebration of the Philanthropic Society took place on Tuesday evening, and was of the usual interesting character. The Society had hoped to have, as its presiding officer, Hon. E. C. Venable, recently elected Representative from this district, and brother of Bro. N. E. Venable, but he was unable to be present, and Dr. McIlwaine presided in his stead, in a very happy manner. Wednesday was given up to the Union Society, for the celebration of its one hundredth birthday. The exercises were begun Wednesday morning, by an address to both societies by Rev. T. W. Hooper, D.D., of Virginia, on the subject: "Indirect, or Unconscious Influences." He was followed by Rev. Peyton H. Hoge, D.D., of North Carolina, who delivered the Centennial Address. Both speeches were heard with the closest attention, and elicited numerous bursts of applause. Dr. Hooper, after defining his subject by illustrations drawn from a variety of sources, proceeded to show how it was exemplified in this college and in the history of the Society, an alumnus of which he had the honor to be. Dr. Hoge told, in the most eloquent language,—for which our Southern orators, and especially his own illustrious family, have been distinguished,—of the origin of the Society, and the turmoils of the Revolutionary war, of its struggles and victories, and called the muster-roll of her illustrious sons, embracing all grades from President to General. No higher compliment can be paid the

speech than simply to state the fact that the Board of Trustees that afternoon, by a unanimous vote, conferred the title of Doctor of Divinity on him. Wednesday evening the annual celebration of the Society occurred, and was one of the most successful ever held. Half of our chapter was on the stage, Bro. Houston receiving that Junior Debater's Medal, which we have so often captured, and Bro. Hooper delivering the Senior Orator's Medal. The exercises of the evening were ended by a banquet given by the Society in the college chapel, which had been tastefully decorated with the society colors, motto and badges. Covers had been laid for one hundred and fifty guests, but they had gathered in such numbers that it was found necessary to provide for more than three hundred, which was done in a beautiful manner.

Thursday was the regular commencement day, and the exercises were of the usual character. No first honor was awarded, but Bro. Hooper secured, with two others, a second honor, and opened the exercises with a Greek salutatory. This was a new feature,—or rather a revival of an old feature, which had fallen into "inocuous desuetude," and the speech was greatly complimented by those who were proud of the compliment of being supposed to be capable of understanding it. The Grand Prætor wishes to offer the labor necessary to secure this honor, as an excuse to the chapters of his province, for his seeming neglect. He had to "give an account of his talents" to the powers that were, and, in this case, the power being a member of another frat., he considered college work more important than fraternity. He hopes to do better in the future. Bro. Thomas also received his diploma, as A.B. Thursday evening the class of '89 held its class exercises, the Historian, Secretary, Poet, Orator and Prophet all acquitting themselves well. The class, with "its girl," held a final "eat" in the chapel, and parted at midnight with a hearty clasp of the hand and a still heartier god-speed. Nearly all the class hope to attend the University of Virginia in a year or two.

We had the pleasure of welcoming to commencement our old comrade, Bro. Rufus Owen, of Halifax County, but were disappointed in not having Bro. G. G. Sýdnor with us.

The session just closed may seem unprofitable, as we received no new men, but those in the chapter feel that it was one of the best we ever attended. We expended the energy which would have been used in becoming acquainted with new men in drawing closer the ties that bound us already, and can safely say that no chapter has ever been more intimate, or derived more pleasure from its intimacy. In this, the last letter your correspondent will write from this chapter, we would bid you all a hearty god-speed, with an earnest wish that you may strive to raise the standard of the fraternity still higher, and that in the words of one of our orators, "her future may be as bright as the past has been glorious."

## ALPHA BETA—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

The last week has been the busiest and most exciting one that Alpha Beta has yet seen, and the triumphs scored have been the most important. The first was a reception in honor of our graduating members given to our friends in the other fraternities, and as it was the first of its kind ever given in Berkeley, we may say without conceit that it was the most successful. The reception was given on the evening before Class-Day. We were fortunate in getting two of the professors' wives to receive for us. They were Mrs. George H. Howison and Mrs. John Le Conte. Two hundred and fifty invitations were issued, and for a week every one was curious to know what we intended to do with so many people, as our house is only a six-room cottage. They soon found out, however, when carpenters began to build a platform over our tennis court and the ground adjoining it. The platform, when finished, was covered with canvas, and completely roofed by an awning; and we had a ball-room forty by eighty feet,—large enough for all who might come. As the last train leaves Berkeley at eleven o'clock, it was decided to run a special car to Oakland at 2 A. M., and arrangements were made to keep the guests who desired to spend the night in Berkeley. The people began to assemble about half-past eight, and in an hour there were about one hundred and fifty people present, among them quite a number of the faculty. Dancing was indulged in until twelve o'clock, when supper was served in the house; and, after more dancing, the party broke up at two o'clock. If we may judge from remarks made by other fraternity men, the party was one which will not soon be forgotten in Berkeley, and Sigma Chi can congratulate herself on having done something never before attempted here, and on having done it successfully, too.

The next day was Class-Day; and, instead of keeping open house, we accepted invitations from  $X \Phi$  and  $B \Theta II$ , and went to their houses to lunch, where we enjoyed ourselves immensely, and thought how pleasant it is to be waited on instead of having to serve out refreshments ourselves.

Our second triumph was on the same day. Of the greatest of three honors on that day, two were secured by Sigs, Bro. Noble being Class Historian and Bro. Widber, Dispensator. Both covered themselves with glory,—Bro. Noble outdoing himself in his history and Bro. Widber astonishing even us by the ease and grace with which he delivered an appropriate present to each member of the graduating class. Three of our men graduate this year, and and Alpha Beta will feel their loss keenly. We expect to begin the year with nine men, however; so we have no fears about maintaining the standing which we have gained by hard labor.

## ALPHA GAMMA—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

We have just closed a successful year—successful in everything, except perhaps, in numbers. In the fall term we started with seven; two left, and we initiated two, thus making seven. In the winter term Bro. Potter dropped out and Bro. Kilbourne rode the goat to offset his loss. Seven we have continued. In the winter term Bro. Roy won the oratorical contest; in the spring term Bro. Hall presided on University Day and was one of the commencement orators. We have paid a one hundred and fifty dollar debt, and have fitted up a new, commodious hall. In fact, though we were but seven, we were not seven idle dreamers. We now have the handsomest fraternity hall in Columbus, and invite every Sig to call at the south-east corner of High and Long Streets.

Bros. Hall and Hancock have graduated. Bro. Hancock will be in the city next year studying medicine, and Bro. Hall is too loyal a Sig not to visit the boys often. The graduating class numbered twenty-three and was turned on the world on the 19th of June. Dr. Schurman, of Cornell, delivered the finest commencement oration ever given here. The Class Day program was rather tame, the best thing being the class history by a  $X \Phi-K K \Gamma$  girl, in which Sigma Chi was hauled over the coals for having outwitted '89 four years ago when the class was juvenile and green. At the alumni banquet (the bill of fare was wretched), Bro. H. N. Thompson, of '88, made a magnificent speech for his class. Howard is now one of the brightest of Washington correspondents and belongs to the Cleveland *Plain Dealer* staff. Bro. Davis writes up the Capital City here for the same paper. Bro. Wetzel, of Alpha Iota, has made us several pleasant calls. Bro. Russell Kilbourne will attend the University of Virginia next year. We mourn our loss and congratulate Psi on her gain.

There have been no changes in the faculty; one assistant in electrical engineering was added, and several salaries were raised. The year has been a quiet one. There were no rushes, and but little class spirit to worry the President, with possibly an increase of college spirit. The ball nine was dishonest; the foot ball team died last year; tennis was triumphant and the battalion perfect. Profs. Eggers, Knight and Williams visit Europe.

## ALPHA EPSILON—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

Since the writing of the letter for the May number, there has been just one event in our chapter history worth relating—but that one is important. Mr. F. W. Collins has for some years been a leading member of the oldest of the anti-fraternity societies in the University. He has held this place by excellent and faithful work, and not by narrow views on the question of college politics. All through his course he has maintained a high standard of scholarship; and he has so conducted himself as to gain the respect of every

student. Sigma Chi always has a place for such a man. This fact was made known to Mr. Collins. After careful consideration, he decided that it would be a pleasure and a help to him in post-collegiate life to graduate as one of us. So, after appearing on the closing program of his society, he was admitted to our circle. He now signs his name with a  $\Sigma X$ , B.A., at the close of it. His profession is chosen, and will be made known in the next number of this magazine. He is our one graduate this year.

Commencement week was celebrated with the customary enthusiasm. The exercises were in the following order: Philodicean exhibition; Palladian exhibition; Union exhibition; Field Day; Baccalaureate address; day of Prize Contests among the cadets; reception by the Department of Fine Arts; Delian exhibition; Class Day; Alumni Reunion; Commencement; Chancellor's Levee (including a delightful "hop"). The graduating class numbered twenty-four. A few of Alpha Epsilon's alumni were present during the week.

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#### ALPHA ZETA—BELOIT COLLEGE.

Beloit College has just passed through such a commencement season as she never before saw; more alumni and friends of the college were present and more enthusiasm was shown than ever before. Commencement opened with the Baccalaureate sermon on Sunday, the 16th, by President Eaton, and closed on Thursday, the 20th, with the Senior concert. The exercises all through were largely attended and were of an exceptionally fine character.

Six weeks ago Dr. D. K. Pearsons, of Chicago, wrote to President Eaton and offered to give the College \$100,000, provided the friends of the College would raise another \$100,000 before July 2. The alumni and friends of the College then went to work, and now the last dollar of the \$100,000 is raised, and Beloit College has \$200,000 more of an endowment than she had six weeks ago. The exact disposal of all of this money has not yet been decided upon, but \$25,000 will go into an Academy Building. The outlook for the coming year is exceedingly pleasing and all of Beloit's sons (who are loyal to the back-bone, a characteristic highly peculiar to Beloit men) rejoice in the prosperity of the College and in the grand future of the institution. The coming year will see a large influx of new students and all of the old ones returning.

As far as Alpha Zeta is concerned in this unparalleled prosperity of the institution to which she belongs, I will say a few words. When the year opened eleven men returned to battle for the White Cross; and during the year four more have taken up the work and one of the old men who left us last year has returned, so that whenever we gathered around the festal board this commencement, sixteen vociferously answered "Here," when the roll of active members were called, while sixteen strong (if not especially musical) voices swelled the chorus of "Vive la Sigma Chi" until the old hall fairly resounded.

Should the hand of Providence deal kindly with those sixteen, thirteen of them will return next fall to keep the "blue and gold," where they belong—at the top of the heap. Bros. Williams, Evans and Sexton have all been absent during parts of the college year on account of sickness, but all three will return next fall. At Beloit's annual Field Day, held last week,  $\Sigma X$  took seven first prizes and six second, while  $B \Theta \Pi$  took two first prizes and three second.

This year we graduated three,—Bros. Russell, Martin and Ingersoll, all of whom have been staunch  $\Sigma X$ 's for four full years. Bro. Russell will for the present stay in Janesville, Wis., and Bro. Martin will go into business with the S. K. Martin Lumber Co., of Chicago. Bro. Ingersoll will probably stay in Beloit; at least we hope so, and should he do so Alpha Zeta will number fourteen active members next fall instead of thirteen.

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#### ALPHA IOTA — ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

Alpha Iota feels able to present a creditable showing to its sister chapters at this midsummer time of annual retrospection of the college year. We closed the year on June 13 with nine men, losing two at that time by graduation. The indications are that we will start the next college year fully as strong as usual. Our graduates were E. D. Henry and Leslie P. Hanna. Both have spent five years among us; both were enthusiastic in aiding a brother in any possible manner, and their loss will be keenly felt in the chapter. Both, however, will take their places, we are assured, among those of the alumni who do not forget their brotherhood on entering into their post-collegiate career.

The leading event of our college life in the way of honors is the oratorical contest to determine the Wesleyan's representative at the Illinois State Oratorical Contest. We have the honor of saying that this spring, R. F. Potter won the contest and will represent I. W. U. at Galesburg next fall. Furthermore, the victory was acknowledged by many friendly rivals to be more complete and decisive than is usual at our contests, the decision of the six judges being almost unanimous. In this line we can shake the hand of our sister Illinois chapter, and congratulate on what Illinois Sigdom is able to accomplish, even though there are but two chapters of us.

The address of our Tribune is R. F. Potter, 1007 N. McLean St., Bloomington, Ill., and he will be glad to answer all correspondence. We send greetings to our brothers of the faith, and anticipate for  $\Sigma X$  a happy and successful year, both in the I. U. W. and elsewhere.

## ALPHA LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

Bright and early, Saturday, May 4th, *A A* of  $\Sigma X$  left Madison for a visit to *A Z*, at Beloit. We arrived in Beloit after a—well, freight train-ride, and were received by *A Z* and taken out to a ball field, where was played the second annual ball game between *A Z* and *A A*. Like last year we were beaten, but by a less distinguishing score,—13 to 6. The features of the game were the circus-like tumbling by Umpire Tyrrell to avoid the swift balls and the number of errors made on all sides. After the game we were taken to the hotel to dinner, and then following a ride around town, to the college campus to see our University of Wisconsin nine completely defeat the Beloit nine. We were treated to an excellent supper at Bro. Dowd's after the game, and then hastened to the train, where were said our good-byes. We had to wait over two hours in Janesville, so Bro. Sheldon took us to his home, where we found a score of Janesville's pretty girls in waiting. The time passed all too quickly, and we were soon on our way to the train under the young ladies' escort. Alas, time and trains wait for no Sigs, so all flirtations were cut off and a rush made for the train, which carried us home after one of the most notable and enjoyable days in the history of *A A*.

We were very much pleased to find Bros. Howard. McFadden and Nutt, of Omega, among the crowd that came to see the Evanston nine downed by Lunt, pitcher of the U. W. nine. We tried hard to make their stay with us so agreeable that they would not wait long before again paying us a visit. We prevailed upon Bro. Howard to remain three days longer than he intended by promising to take him to the Delta Gamma reception, where he met young ladies from his own college. Without that one inducement I am afraid he would have deserted us when his companions did. June 8, *A Z* came to Madison in full force to see their nine play ball. After a visit to the photographer's and a dinner, all the Sigs in town set out for the ball grounds in a pouring rain. However, an attempt was made to play ball, which resulted in utter failure after one inning had resulted in the score of twelve to nothing in favor of the University. In the evening, *A A* gave a party for *A Z* at the Park Hotel. Bros. Norcross, of Janesville, and Northrop, of Racine, managed to break away from their business long enough to become acquainted with the charming co-eds of Wisconsin. The party passed off very pleasantly. About forty couples were in attendance. At four the next morning, *A Z* returned home, leaving behind them most agreeable remembrances in the hearts of the young ladies. On account of the rain the Beloit nine came up again the next Tuesday, so we had the pleasure of seeing five of *A Z* again. After the defeat of the Belois a serenading party of Sigs was formed, which created quite a sensation by their singing, Ladies' Hall was besieged and taken by storm; flowers were thrown; songs were sung; dances were danced; college yells were given; farewells were said,—and—another place was visited. No Sig can



know the true fraternity feeling until he has visited or been visited by other Sigs. Nothing I know does *A A* more true good than her intimacy with *A Z*. When a student visits other colleges, where his fraternity has a chapter, he realizes for the first time what it is to be a Greek-letter man. This was one thing that impressed itself on every member of *A A* strongly this spring. How often have we thanked ourselves that we are Sigs! May the visits of *A Z* and *A A* continue as they have for the past year, the most memorable events in *A A*'s history, is the most earnest wish of all her members.

Bros. Schroeder, Lewis and Tyrrell graduated from the Law School, and Bros. Morrison and Rietbrock from the College of Arts, and Bro. Pittman from the College of Pharmacy, on June 19. The lawyers are not fully decided where to hang up their shingles. Bro. Morrison will study law at the University next year, Bro. Rietbrock will also become a lawyer and expects to study either at the University or at Ann Arbor. Bro. Pittman is a druggist in Boscobel, Wisconsin.

During the last week in May, Delta Gamma held her biennial convention at Madison, which lasted four days. On May 28 they were entertained by *A I* of *X Ψ*. The next night the local chapter gave the delegates a reception in Library Hall on the University grounds. During the evening some "neutrals" threw red pepper down through a hole in the ceiling in order to break up the reception and so vent their spite on the fraternity students. However, they failed in their attempt and only succeeded in securing the expulsion of five of their own confederates. Great excitement was caused by the affair, but time settled it and brought peace to the college once more. May 30 the convention had a banquet in the *B Θ Π* house, and on May 31 Mrs. Judge Lyon gave them a sort of semi-reception, which ended the convention. *Φ K Ψ*, *K K Γ*, *Δ T* and *Σ X* sent floral designs to the convention.

Our commencement this year was different from ever before. June 16 President Chamberlain delivered the Baccalaureate address. June 17 was Class Day. '89 introduced a new feature into Class Day, by burying its records, etc., and planting a stone over them in the afternoon, and by giving a play, written by a member of the class, in the evening. June 18 the alumni had a banquet. June 19 was commencement day. Six orations and five dissertations were delivered in the morning, and then a class of one hundred and sixty were graduated. In the evening the annual alumni party closed the festivities.

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#### ALPHA XI—KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY.

The members of Alpha Xi are enjoying the vacation after a successful year's work, as only true, scholarly Sigs can. Few remain here during the heated months to guard the sacred treasures that are kept in the large chapter hall in the Opera House Block. Alpha Xi wishes to introduce two new mem-

bers to the Sigma Chi world, E. Roysler, of the Sophomore class, and J. C. Wescott, of the Junior Law class. Both of these young gentlemen have merited the confidence and honor of all Sigs by the standing they have taken among their fellow students. Bro. Wescott is "rusticating" at present in the capacity of assistant postmaster of Baxter Springs, Kans.

F. H. Bowersock, of the class of '88, one of the oldest and most enthusiastic members of Alpha Xi, being desirous of trying his fortune in the domestic world, was married May 2 to Miss Fanny Pickering, the handsome and accomplished daughter of Judge I. O. Pickering, of Olathe, Kans. They are at present on a bridal tour in the East.

In the political arena at the Kansas State University, Sigma Chi has been in the thickest of the fight and we are proud to say has secured a large share of the spoils. The fight has not been between "frats" and "barbs" but between "frats" and "frats," not only for the best men but for the college honors. Of the university publications, Sigma Chi has a business manager and associate editors on both the weekly and monthly papers. Bro. C. E. Street was one of the three members of the board of publication, that during this commencement issued *The Helianthus*, the most successful college annual ever published at this University. The honor of this publication was shared by Phi Delta Theta and Beta Theta Pi. Sigma Chi is well satisfied with her standing and with what has been accomplished within the last year. During the year five men have become members of the fraternal band of Sigs here, three during the last term of the school. Alpha Xi expects to begin operations this fall with nine members, all enthusiastic workers. This year we lose Bro. E. W. Morris, who graduated and has embarked in the pharmacy business at Emporia. We had only one graduate; yet we were ably represented during commencement by that one, as he was chosen one of the orators on Class Day.

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#### ALPHA OMICRON — TULANE UNIVERSITY.

Not having appeared in the last issue of the Magazine, *A O* is determined to tell her sister chapters, in the July number, of her victories over every other fraternity at Tulane in initiating and pledging men in the incoming Freshman class. We generally do not, and would not in this case, say that any of our initiates had been asked by any other fraternity, if we had not heard it rumored that one of the frats here said that they had "the best men in college and the very pick of the sub-Freshman class." This fraternity is the Delta Tau Delta. Having been lately chartered at this school (and with quite a large number too), it is very natural that it should have quite a large number of men that were not strongly urged to join any other of the five already existing fraternities. As for the High School (Preparatory department), we have but to give statistics to show that the *A T A*'s are just a little mistaken. In the first place we

shall introduce to the fraternity at large Mr. Ben. M. Walmesley, whom we gathered in on the evening of May 27, about "steen" o'clock p. m. Just a few days afterwards at the same hour of May 31, we led from the folds of Barbary Mr. Ben. Palmer Carter. Both of these men were asked by at least three of the other fraternities. In due justice to our "spiking" powers, we are compelled to say that the third and only other man that we have asked from that class is Mr. Carson Dixon, whose father (Professor Dixon, of Tulane), would not allow him to join a fraternity until he had matriculated as a Freshman, and who has pledged himself to join us immediately after the opening of next session. I might casually remark here that as far as "honors" go Carter and Dixon were two of the four speakers at the Preparatory commencement, and that Walmesley was asked by the Head Master to deliver an oration, but on account of his serious illness just a month before commencement he had to decline. I could write a small volume on the campaign in rushing and spiking these men; how we met our adversaries, the other frat men, in the High School building; and how they looked and what they said when they saw our initiates wearing a Sigma Chi badge; but, as I said before, we simply took up the case of the  $\Delta T \Delta$ 's, to show that the news spread abroad by that organization is tinged a little with untruth; and we do not wish to incur the enmity or even cause the displeasure of the other frats, by citing victories over them. It is quite enough to discuss such things at chapter meetings. We understand that the three above named men were all asked directly or indirectly by the Delta Tau Deltas; but in the case of Carter, we had some little pleasure in hearing that they considered him pledged to them in spite of the fact that he did not consider himself bound to them at all. As may be imagined from the first part of our letter, fraternity feeling at Tulane is higher than it has ever been before, which is quite natural from the fact that we now have six frats (not counting the  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ 's) instead of three, which we had this time last year.

We hear that the  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ 's are going to start a chapter very soon at this school, but we are unable to find out definitely. E. D. Fenner will attend our Medical Department next year, and of course will resume his connection with  $A O$ . As is known by nearly the whole fraternity, but especially by  $A O$  and  $\Psi$  chapters, Fenner is a hard worker for the fraternity and a fun-maker at chapter meetings. In our eagerness to mention victories we nearly forgot to say that Hewes Gurley's valedictory to the Law class of '89 was most satisfactory and delivered in his best manner. At this same commencement Marshall Gasquet was chairman of the reception committee, of which Jno. Dymond, Jr., was a member. Combe and Hunt, amid the greatest applause, received their M.Ds. at the Medical commencement.

## ALPHA PI—ALBION COLLEGE.

We started out at the beginning of the year to do a work that was to be completed by commencement. Though we have failed in it and our much prized Chapter Hall is not yet a real building standing on the spot, that little castle in the air that has been hovering over the "hall up in the grove" has kept descending nearer and nearer terra firma, until it is now about ready to be placed upon the foundation and given a good rousing Sigma Chi warming, so near it that we are confident it will be completed by the close of the fall term. That it was not finished was no fault of ours. We feel a satisfaction in the thought that we did our utmost, and that as much was done as could be done under the circumstances. Almost insurmountable difficulties were met, but perseverance conquered and we are now away up on top, with our Chapter Hall a sure thing and soon to materialize.

Commencement this year was better than ever before. We were favored with beautiful and pleasant weather, so that the program was fully carried out and all the exercises were well attended. The Baccalaureate sermon, the best one we ever heard, was delivered by our President. The commencement address delivered by Bishop John P. Newman, was pronounced by all as the grandest address ever delivered before a graduating class of Albion College. One thing that gladdened the hearts of all was the attendance of the alumni in such large numbers, there being more here this year than ever before. In the annual Erosophean Exhibition, given during commencement,  $\Sigma X$  was represented by Bros. Wm. Mitchell and F. M. Ray, who reflected credit upon themselves and upon their chapter. Alpha Pi lost three men, Bros. J. F. Critchett, F. M. Ray and Will D. White, by graduation,—lost them for active members, but added them to her list of good loyal alumni. Bro. Critchett is going to study law. Bro. Ray intends to take a course in pharmacy at Ann Arbor, and Bro. White will take up journalism as his occupation. They are three of the best men we have ever graduated, always having the interest of the chapter at heart, and working hard in whatever position they were placed to advance the chapter by their "good works" as many victories scored by the chapter in the past will testify.

We have been pleased to welcome into our midst a few of our alumni. Bros. W. C. VanLoo, Frank and Will Loomis, Wm. H. Snell, C. R. Smith, Will Smith and Smith Burnham, each saying words of encouragement to the chapter and leaving us in better spirits than they found us. We are always pleased to see our alumni, and wish we could see more of them.

It has been our pleasure to receive many letters from our sister chapters, and our only regrets are that we do not receive as many as we sent out. Of course we have THE QUARTERLY and *Bulletin* as a means of communication, but we do not come so near to one another's interests as through the chapter letters. It is to be hoped for the good of the chapters and the fraternity that

the chapters will take more interest in their correspondence with one another. In summing up and looking back over the work done by Alpha Pi during the past year, I can truly say that we feel a true pride and satisfaction with the record we have made. We have set in motion and carried out the plans for building a Chapter Hall, and now have the building under way. We have initiated six good men. Our men have all acquitted themselves with honor in the class room, and in their literary work in the societies. In athletic sports we have taken the lead. As a result of the recent election of officers of the *Pleiad*, we will be represented on the staff by C. A. Fiske, as Managing Editor.

We have been pleased to welcome into fraternity circles here a new chapter in *A T Ω*. It starts out with twelve charter members, all good men. We come back in the fall with twelve men, who will be on hand early to look after our interests. With everything left under favorable conditions, nothing but the best is expected for the future.

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#### ALPHA SIGMA—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

Again it becomes necessary to send the chapter correspondence to THE QUARTERLY. With this month has closed the first year of *A Σ*'s existence. Upon the whole it has been one of prosperity and pleasure, both for the chapter and its individual members. We look forward to the coming year with much interest, as it promises to bring with it desirable material for *Σ X*.

Although busy with the various duties at the close of the year, we were not idle in behalf of the fraternity. After a long siege of hard, diligent work, we introduced a new member to our ranks. In securing R. L. Thompson, of Sleepy Eye, we dissapointed *Δ T Δ* and others of our rivals. Our number was thus increased to thirteen, of which number we lost Bro. Meacham by graduation. It is doubtful whether Bro. McGregor will be with us the coming year, our number will be thus reduced to eleven men, who have the prosperity and welfare of *Σ X* at heart.

*The Gopher*, of '90, has at last appeared. It surpasses any previous annual published here. The relative standing of the "Greeks" as given by it is as follows: *X Ψ*, 17; *Θ Φ*, 21; *Κ Κ Γ*, 20; *Φ Δ Θ*, 17; *Δ Γ*, 15; *Δ T Δ*, 12; *Θ K Ψ*, 20; *Σ X*, 12; *K Δ Θ*, 11; total 145. The Law Building is under way and will be completed by the beginning of the fall term. As usual the closing week was occupied with the various sports and contests. Field Day, the class of '90 won the cup for the fourth time. The commencement exercises proper took place Thursday morning in the Drill Hall.

## Personalia.

GEORGE H. GORMAN—Zeta, '85—is now practicing law at Washington, D. C., in Room 2, 618 F. St., N. W. He makes a specialty of all matters concerning public lands and land litigation in the Interior Department and in the Supreme Court of the United States.

MILTON D. DARNALL—Rho, '74—is Solicitor in the Freight Traffic Department of the Missouri Pacific Railway Company, with offices in Room 224 Commercial Exchange, Kansas City, Mo.

CHAS. G. GARDNER—Lambda, '87—received the degree of "LL. B." at the Law School of Cincinnati College last May.

The Columbus, O., *Dispatch*, on June 19, 1889, contained the following concerning JASON W. FIRESTONE—Gamma, '75:

Mr. Jason W. Firestone has been appointed, by the Attorney General, Assistant United States District Attorney at this point, and we herewith present an excellent portrait of the new incumbent of this important federal office.

Mr. Firestone was born and raised on a farm seven miles north of Canton, O., where he lived until his father's death, and after that he worked as a farm hand in the summer and attended district school in winter until 1870, when he entered college; and in 1875 he graduated at Delaware, O. He then came to this city and read law with English & Baldwin, and in October, 1877, he was admitted to the bar by the Supreme Court of Ohio. He then spent about five years travelling for the Columbus Buggy Company as attorney, looking after and taking testimony in the Peters dash patent litigation, and in that capacity traveled from Maine to California; and since that time he has been actively engaged in the practice of law in this city, and now occupies a suite of rooms in the Board of Trade building.

Mr. Firestone has two brothers in this city, Clinton D. and Joseph F., both of the Columbus Buggy Company.

There were a large number of applicants for the position, and the appointment is one any attorney could accept with pride.

FRANK A. EARLY—Omega, '77—is Manager for Cook County, Ill., of the Ohio Farmers' Insurance Company of Le Roy, O. His offices are at 206 La Salle Street, Chicago.

REV. WILLIEL THOMSON—Chi, '71—who is now President of Sierra Madre College, Pasadena, Cal., has lately presented to Hanover College a fine portrait of his father, the late Samuel Harrison Thomson, who was for many years a professor at Hanover.

W. A. HEATH—Kappa Kappa, '88—is to be congratulated on his election as City Treasurer of Champaign, Ill. When a young man leads the Republican ticket by almost one hundred votes in the contest for so responsible an office, it speaks golden words for the confidence which his community reposes in him.

H. N. KELSEY—Rho, '87—is Special Agent of the London Assurance Corporation, and is located at 208 La Salle St., Chicago.

HENRY K. WHITE—Alpha Nu, '88—is now practicing law in the Watts Building, Birmingham, Ala.

The Columbus, O., *Post*, on May 29, announced the nomination of HON. JOS. G. HUFFMAN—Gamma, '69—as the Democratic candidate for Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in the district composed of the counties of Fairfield, Hocking and Perry, O. The nomination is equivalent to an election. The *Post* closes its account of the convention with these words concerning the candidate:

On the seventeenth ballot Hon. Joseph G. Huffman received the nomination, the Perry County delegation cheering his nomination to the echo.

When Mr. Huffman was brought before the convention by the committee appointed for the purpose, the wildest enthusiasm prevailed. He made an elegant address, and his nomination gives splendid satisfaction.

Mr. Huffman is a brilliant lawyer, a man of excellent habits, strictly conscientious, courteous and affable, and is possessed of a character that will bear the strictest scrutiny. He will be elected by an overwhelming majority, and will add much strength in his judicial district to the State ticket this fall.

COLIN E. KING—Rho, '81—is in the general passenger department of the New York, Lake Erie and Western Railroad Company, at 21 Cortland Street, New York City.

HON. DANIEL M. RANDELL—Xi, '67—was appointed, on July 1, by President Harrison, Marshal for the District of Columbia.

J. H. INGWERSEN—Theta Theta, '87—who is now practicing law in Sioux City, Ia., spent part of his vacation at Ann Arbor, Mich.

W. H. ROGERS—Alpha Zeta, '86—accepted recently the position of Telegraph Editor of the *Chicago Tribune*.

**FRANK P. HASTINGS**—Theta Theta, '76—attended the convention of members of the Mystic Shrine, held in Chicago, June 16 to 18.

**S. A. FLETCHER**—Alpha Kappa—assisted the Alpha Beta chapter in the preparation for their elaborate Commencement Reception at Berkeley, Cal., June 28. The boys say that he is a "true Sig."

**DR. FRED J. COMBE**—Alpha Omicron, '89—is practicing medicine at his home in Brownsville, Texas.

**GEO. F. WEIDNER**—Alpha Gamma, '87—is with Kauffman, Latimer and Co., Wholesale Druggists, Columbus, O.

**HARRY HEDGES**—Alpha Gamma, '88—is selling mowers and reapers for the Champion Machine Company of Springfield, O., at Andover, Dakota.

**REV. C. R. TROWBRIDGE**—Theta, '82—of Easton, Pa., was elected Alumni Editor of the *Pennsylvania College Monthly*, at the recent Commencement.

**REV. P. P. PHILLIPS**—Epsilon, '75—at the urgent and unanimous request of the vestry of Grace (Episcopal) Church, Berryville, Va., declined a recent call to one of the New York City churches.

**C. W. VERMILION AND MORTON E. STEVENS**—Theta Theta, '89—after their graduation in law at the University of Michigan, came west to Chicago *via* the lakes. They had the pleasure of meeting on the trip **EDMUND SMITH**—Gamma, '81—who spent his vacation at Mackinaw Island.

**NATHAN POWELL**—Chi, '84—who has just finished his first year in the Law Department of Harvard University, will spend part of his vacation in Fort Worth, Texas, after a visit to his home at Madison, Ind.

**J. SAM SHORTLE**—Delta Delta, '88—is doing a thriving business in Frankfort as an Insurance and Real Estate Agent. He will take a law course at the University of Michigan next year.

**CHAS. A. MARSTELLER**—Rho, '85—who is in business on Paulina St., Chicago, attended the Butler University Commencement Exercises on the 14th of June.

**JASPER M. DRESSER**—Delta Delta, '89—until recently a student at Peekskill, New York, will attend either Purdue University or the University of Michigan next year.

**CHAS. KEYES**—Delta Delta, '84—is in the Real Estate business at Wichita Falls, Texas, and is doing well.

**MESSRS. WARNER AND STOUT**—Delta Delta—are both in an Indianapolis drug house.

**L. J. HORD**—Delta Delta—has a good position in a Shelbyville, Ind., drug house.

**J. F. BRUFF**—Delta Delta, '86—is in Kokomo, Ind., attending to a prosperous rush of architectural business.

**SHREWS B. MILLER**—Delta Delta, '86—is located on 14th Street, New York City, doing well as a mechanical engineer.

**ALVA O. RESER**—Delta Delta—is Court Stenographer at Lafayette, Ind.

**MARSHALL J. GASGUST**—Alpha Omicron, '90—is traveling in Europe.

**FRANK ADAIR LEROY**—Alpha Omicron, '89—left New Orleans, La., on July 2, for California, where he will remain all summer; he will leave in the early fall for Mexico.

**R. B. PARKER**—Alpha Omicron, '89—and **B. M. WALKESLEY**—Alpha Omicron, '93—left New Orleans, La., on July 15, for California, where they will visit Alpha Beta Chapter; thence going northeast, they will visit our chapters at Madison, Wis., and at Evanston, Ill.

**GILBERT HAWKINS NORTON**—Alpha Omicron, '89—has been working in the post-office at New Orleans, La., since he left Tulane University.

**THOMAS TODD CARTER**—Alpha Omicron, '89—will leave New Orleans, La., in the summer to visit relatives in New York City.

**R. L. MCALPINE**—Alpha Xi, '87—is spending a few months in Europe.

**F. W. BUTHER AND CHAS. VOORHIS**—Alpha Xi, '93—are spending the vacation in Wisconsin.

**J. W. ROOT**—Alpha Xi, '88—has established a large pharmacy and drug house at Pueblo, Colo.

**C. E. STREET**—Alpha Xi, '89—is spending the summer vacation in Colorado, and is acting as a special correspondent for the *Kansas City Times*.

The following special dispatch in the *New York Tribune*, of June 27, is concerning a member of Phi Chapter, Class of 1874:

The Trustees of the Presbyterian College at Jamestown have elected the **REV. H. G. MENDENHALL**, of "the Grand Forks Plain Dealer," President of the institution. Mr. Mendenhall came west from Philadelphia a few years ago, and has ranked high in Dakota affairs.

A. C. CUNKLE—Alpha Xi, '88—is practicing Law at Madison, Kas.

WILLIAM WIRT HENRY—Psi and Sigma Sigma—after spending the winter in Philadelphia and the East, is again in the real estate marts of Duluth, Minn.

DAVID C. BRECKINRIDGE—Sigma, '81—has recently formed a partnership to engage in the railway supply business in New York City. The firm is Martin and Breckinridge, with offices in the Miller Building, 15 Broad Street.

FRANCIS T. BRYAN, JR.—Sigma, '80—is an insurance agent in St. Louis, Mo. His address is 654 Locust Street.

JOSEPH G. MCPHEETERS—Lambda, '63—who was postmaster at Bloomington, Ind., from 1865 until 1885, has just been reappointed by President Harrison. May he have another twenty years, is the wish of many personal and a certain class of his political friends.

MAX NIRDLINGER—Theta, '68—is now patentee of the new fuel, "petrole," and President of the Fuel Patents Company. His office is at 220 S. Third St., Philadelphia, Pa.

JOHN B. LOBDELL—Tau, '79—is proprietor of the "Fuselier Plantation," in St. Mary's Parish, La. It is on the beautiful Bayou Teche, which Longfellow's "Evangeline" has made classic.

DR. IRWIN POPE—Tau, '80—is House Surgeon of the St. Louis, Arkansas and Texas Ry. Hospital, at Tyler, Texas.

CHAS. W. GREENWOOD—Tau, '88—is now with the Peel Investment Company, at Wichita, Kas.

W. T. KAUFMAN—Sigma, '76—is Assistant Manager of the Commercial Union Assurance Company of London. His office is at 58 William Street, New York City.

COURTLANDT C. CLARKE—Sigma, '78—is proprietor of the Arcade File Works of Sing Sing, N. Y. His New York office is at 99 Reade Street.

W. B. PEEBLES—Pi, '84—has added to his other donations to the fraternity, a recent gift of twenty-five dollars, to be applied as the Grand Council see fit. This is the kind of loyalty that speaks volumes.

CASSIUS C. HADLEY—Rho, '84—has been practicing law at Danville, Ind., recently, having removed from Scott City, Kas.

ALLEN W. GLOVER—Pi, '85—is now an accountant for the First National Bank of Birmingham, Ala.

A. E. HARMAN—Rho, '88—has severed his connection with the Tucker and Dorsey Manufacturing Company, and has entered the commission business at Indianapolis, Ind.

SAMUEL W. WELCH—Pi, '80—is a member of the Democratic Executive Committee of Talladega County, Alabama.

NEWTON S. WALKER—Pi, '81—is now dealing in general merchandise at Alexander City, Ala.

WILLIAM T. CRENSHAW—Pi and Zeta—is General Agent of the Fidelity and Casualty Company of New York, at Atlanta, Ga. He ordered a new Sigma Chi badge recently of the small or "alumni" size.

HAMILTON DOUGLAS—Beta, '88—Theta Theta, '87—visited Chicago recently during a vacation trip. He is well pleased with Atlanta, Ga., where he is practicing law.

JOHN H. RIDENOUR—Beta, '82—who is Manager of Scripps's League New York News Bureau, was compelled to cease work for a few weeks, not long since, on account of the effect of an injury received at college ten years ago. During that time he visited his old home in Ohio, and also the city of Chicago.

H. B. SCHMIDT—Zeta Psi, '85—has been promoted from Chief Chemist to Acting Superintendent of the Fairbanks Canning Company of Chicago. He now has charge of the twenty departments of this immense concern, which employs when busy 2,700 workmen.

#### MARRIAGES.

E. A. KESLER—Zeta Psi, '88—has married Miss Amelia E. Miner.

OSCAR W. KUHN—Zeta Psi, '80—has sent out cards announcing his marriage June 12, to Miss Clara V. Gazlay, of Cincinnati. He makes the fifth Z Psi alumnus married this year.

EDWARD MUEHLBERG—Zeta Psi, '84—has married Miss Marie Muehlhauser, a daughter of one of Cincinnati's most prominent citizens.

W. M. HAUGHTON—Tau, '80—was married in Baltimore, Md., January 2, 1889, to Miss Effie Jeanne Betsworth.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of HALLECK P. FAHNESTOCK—Theta, '88—to Miss Carrie D. Stevens, at Watertown, Dakota, on the first of June.

FRED C. KOONS—Chi, '87—was married on July 25, to Miss Mary Archer, at Hanover, Ind.



The *Philadelphia Inquirer*, of June 20, 1889, contains this special dispatch from Reading, Pa., concerning the marriage of EDWIN SASSAMAN by REV. FRANK F. BOND, both members of Omicron Chapter, Class of 1883:

Edwin Sassaman, Esq., a young lawyer of this city, was married, June 20, to Miss Ella Kauffman, daughter of Ephraim K. Kauffman, a prominent Oley farmer. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Frank F. Bond, of Philadelphia, in the presence of only the nearest relatives of the couple. After receiving the congratulations of the assembled guests, the couple left on a trip to Philadelphia, New York and Boston. The groom is a son of ex-Judge Sassaman.

GEO. W. BRATTY—Alpha Gamma, '86—will marry Miss Virginia Hayward, on the 25th of September.

CHESTER H. ALDRICH—Alpha Gamma, '88—who is now Superintendent of the Schools of Ulysses, Neb., was married in June, and visited Ohio on his wedding tour.

CHAS. H. ELDRIDGE—Delta Delta—was married to Miss Grace C. Burdick, of Hartford, Conn., on June 26, 1889. They will be at home at Duluth, Minn., after August 1. Mr. Eldridge is in the employ of the new First National Bank of Duluth, lately formed by the consolidation of the Merchants National Bank (with which Mr. Eldridge has been connected since its organization) and the Duluth Union National Bank. The many friends of Bro. Eldridge throughout the fraternity will rejoice to learn of his matrimonial and financial success.

J. K. PERSENS—Theta Theta, '84—was married on June 25, 1889, to Miss Effie James, of Calumet, Mich. They will be at home at Lakeside, Duluth, after August 1. Mr. Persens has a high reputation as a real estate attorney, and is very popular in Duluth business and social circles.

H. M. WOLF—Theta, '84—was married June 19, to Miss Ernest, at Mifflinburg, Pa.

## SPECIAL NOTICE.

DURING the present college year the Fraternity has been trying a very important experiment. For eight years we have been publishing **THE QUARTERLY** for the purpose of interesting our active and our alumni members of the Fraternity, and keeping them posted about its work. Unfortunately, however, only a few hundred of our alumni have subscribed for it; and it has largely failed to accomplish what it ought to have done, because it has failed to reach the great body of our members. Consequently, this year, it was decided to try an experiment. We have published over three thousand copies of the four issues of the current volume, and have mailed **THE QUARTERLY** to *each and every* member of the Fraternity whose correct address we have, without regard to whether he has been a subscriber heretofore or not. It has been an expensive experiment, but Sigma Chi must reach its scattered members. We hope that **THE QUARTERLY** has been a welcome visitor. No one who has not been a subscriber is under obligation to pay for it unless he so desires; but we have sent the magazine in the hope that each one who has received it would be willing to pay the small amount for this volume, and would become a regular subscriber hereafter. The subscription price is one dollar and a half (\$1.50). By paying it you will enable us to meet the expense of publishing **THE QUARTERLY**; and if there should be any surplus over actual expenses, it will go into the general fraternity treasury, to be used in furthering the interests of Sigma Chi. Every member ought to be willing to make this small contribution to the cause of the old Fraternity.

There are a great many matters of interest, relating to the internal affairs of the Fraternity, which it has never been desirable to present in a public magazine; and two years ago **THE BULLETIN** was started as a strictly *private* monthly newspaper. It is mailed under seal, and contains full accounts of all that is going on inside the Fraternity. All subscribers to **THE QUARTERLY** are entitled to receive **THE BULLETIN** free on application.

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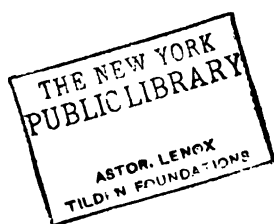
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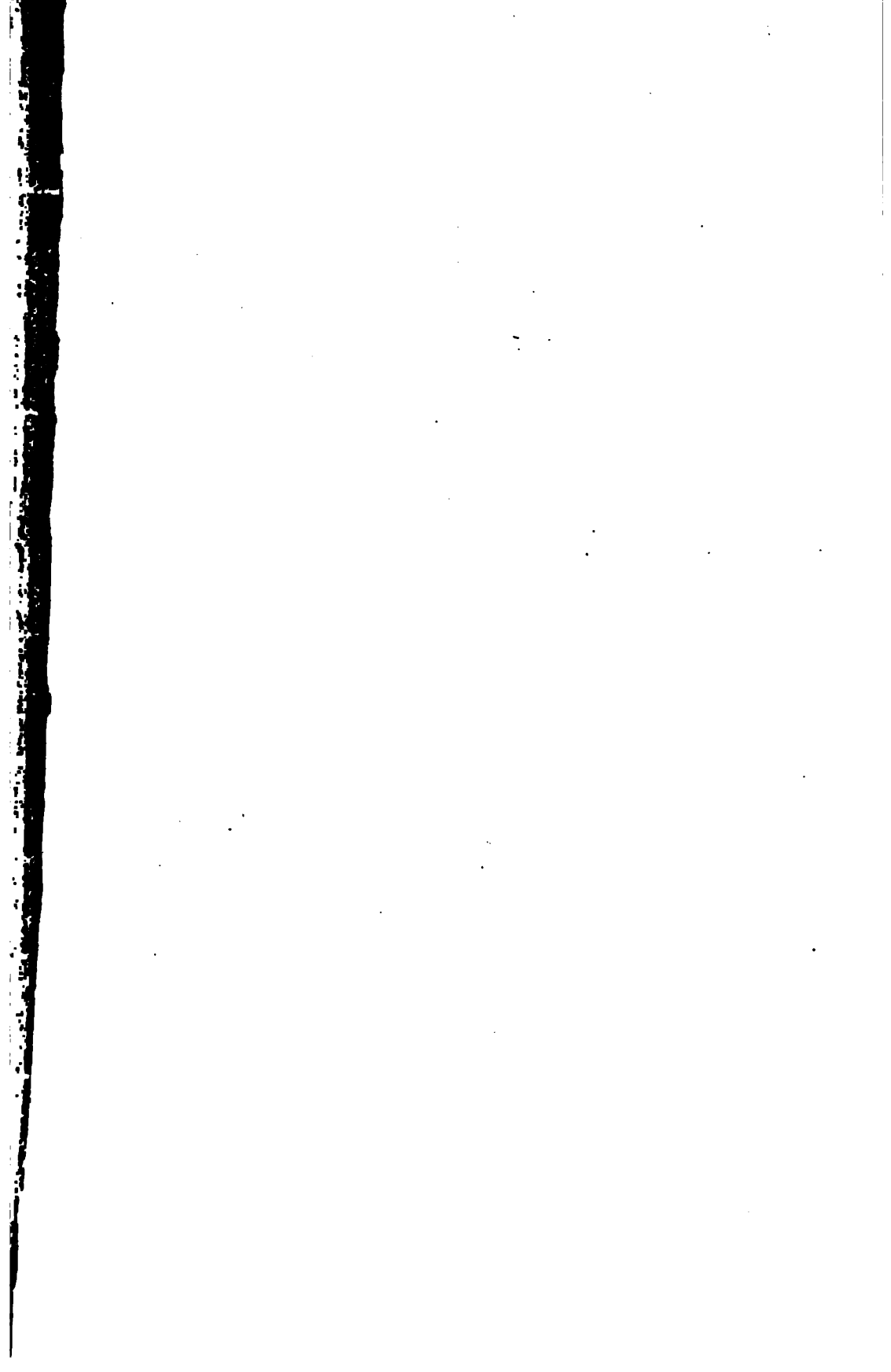


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